

# Vet Funds Up 113% for 1946

WASHINGTON. — The House Appropriations Committee has recommended approval of \$2,707,119,250 for the Veterans Administration for the 1946 fiscal year to cover the rapidly growing costs of caring for America's war veterans.

## Legion Irked at OPA Rules for Veterans

WASHINGTON.—The Office of Price Administration has been charged by the American Legion with preventing many veterans of World War II from entering or re-entering business by "rigid" application of restrictive regulations.

Edward N. Scheiberling, national commander of the Legion, cited specific instances of veterans being denied commodities necessary to engage in business in a letter to Chester A. Bowles, OPA administrator.

"It is futile for Congress to provide business loans for veterans, and facilitate their entry into business in other ways, if government regulations make it impossible for the veterans to obtain the goods and materials for the conduct of the business they select," Commander Scheiberling wrote.

He said the "inflexibility" of regulations coupled with rigid administration by regional and local officials had barred many veterans from business.

## Big Three Agree on Nazi Defeat Strategy

WASHINGTON. — Latest dispatches report that the "Big Three" conference has agreed on the strategy to insure Germany's military defeat, and has begun political and economic talks.

Secretary of War Stimson and Undersecretary Patterson again put the War Department on record as considering some form of compulsory work legislation vitally necessary to continued effective prosecution of the war.

The two War Department heads appeared at the "secret" hearings to clear up confusion concerning the official attitude of the department on administrative aspects of the bill, but the gist of their testimony was made public.

Stimson warned the members of

## Combat GIs Get Entire Pay, Says War Department

WASHINGTON.—American soldiers in France are paid the full amount allowed them by law, either in United States currency or the equivalent in French francs.

This was the retort of the War Department to Rep. John Z. Anderson (R., Calif.), who had passed on the complaint of a constituent now in uniform "that the exchange rates allowed by Army paymasters were beating American troops out of their modest earnings."

The complaint said the exchange rate recognized by the Army, through an agreement with the French government, allowed about one-fifth as many francs as the GIs could get on the open market.

tration for the 1946 fiscal year to cover the rapidly growing costs of caring for America's war veterans.

The recommended appropriation is more than double the \$1,270,412,065 appropriation granted the VA for the current fiscal year and evidences the determination of Congress to provide adequately for the nation's fighters upon their return from the wars.

The largest increases in the veterans' program were listed as:

National service life insurance from \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000.

Pensions from \$558,252,000 to \$1,080,150,000.

GI Bill of Rights benefits from no appropriation to \$295,000,000.

The Appropriations Committee also approved \$79,339,886 for construction projects of the Veterans Administration to provide 18 new hospitals and 14,100 additional beds.

Although increasing the funds of the Veterans Administration by 113 per cent, the Appropriations Committee reduced virtually every other request carried in the annual Independent Offices appropriation bill.

## 48 Known Yank Army Divisions Lambast Nazis; 18 Blast Nips

WASHINGTON. — Forty-eight identified American combat divisions are hurling lead at the enemy on the Western Front, according to Allied authorities and front-line dispatches.

In addition, it is believed possible that many unidentified divisions are in France.

Opposing the Yanks, fortified by

the committee that if Congress fails to pass the bill in some form the people of this country will decide that "the boys in Congress" know a lot more than the "brass hats" and that there is no need for increased war production.

Under such circumstances, the Secretary said, the whole war effort would slump.

Patterson told the committee that the crux of the entire situation was (See "Work-or-Jail," Page 20)

## Surgeon General Again Urges Need for Army Nurses

WASHINGTON.—During January, 1050 nurses were commissioned in the Army Nurse Corps.

While the figure represents a gain of 443 appointments over the December figures, the total is far short of the need for additional registered nurses, it was announced by the Office of the Surgeon General.

Actual net gain in nurse personnel for January will amount only to around 800, since an average of about 250 monthly separations must be taken into consideration. Such separations are due largely to physical disability.

## Two Battalions Are Cited for Heroism

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy.—Two battalions of the 88th "Blue Devil" Division recently were given War Department citations for heroic stands made on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

They are the 2nd Battalion of the 350th "Battle Mountain" Regiment and the 3rd Battalion of the 351st "Spearhead" Regiment.

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## MacArthur Frees Philippines; Reds and Yanks on the Move

WASHINGTON.—War news this week has been focussed on the Philippines.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur made good with a vengeance his promise to return, with the capture of Manila on Sunday, virtually completing the liberation of the islands.

Three U. S. forces advanced to hem the Japs in the southern section of the island, moving so swiftly no organized resistance was possible. Some Japanese have escaped to Bataan, but the whole Yamashita force is so disorganized

and split up that any effective operation from them seems out of the question.

Credit for the taking of the capital is divided among three divisions.

A section of the 1st Cavalry Division worked into the city from the east. The 37th Infantry Division fought its way into the suburbs from the north and the 11th Airborne Division, after seizing Tagaytay in a parachute operation, drove up rapidly from the south.

The small body of Japs remaining in the city proper wantonly set

fire to the business section, having previously cut the water supply, so that attempts at stopping the fires were vain. As a result much of the city lies in ruins.

### Prisoners Released

A gratifying feature of the week's operations has been the release of American and other prisoners, many of whom had been held since the Japs overran the island in 1942. Some 1300, including women and children, were freed from the Bilid prison, in Manila proper. This brought a total of 5000 prisoners released in the operations of this week, 4000 of them Americans. Many were Army personnel.

Desperate German resistance halted the Russian drive on Berlin temporarily along the Oder river, from 30 to 40 miles from the city, but the Red army has smashed on to Kustrin and Frankfurt, two strongholds guarding the route to (See "Mac Frees," Page 20)

## Army Casualties Grow to 676,796

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of War Stimson announced 676,796 Army casualties in all theaters through Jan. 28. This was an increase of 26,376 since last Friday. The list included:

Killed	130,266
Wounded	396,176
Missing	91,476
Prisoners	58,878

The total killed includes 4522 previously listed as missing, Stimson explained. The overall toll reflects battle losses only through December.

## Arnold Hospitalized; Giles Heads AAF

WASHINGTON. — Gen. H. H. Arnold, Army Air Forces commander, has been forced by illness to enter a convalescent hospital.

In disclosing the information, the War Department said Maj. Gen. David N. W. Grant, air surgeon, had said that Arnold's illness was not serious. The illness was said to have been induced by overwork.

Directing the forces in the general's absence is Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles, deputy Air Forces commander.



ALERT in an outpost watch overlooking the Roer river in Germany is Pvt. Frank P. Mango, of the 413th regiment of the 104th Division.

## President Designates March As 'Red Cross Month' to Aid Drive

WASHINGTON.—A symbol of humanity unshackled by prejudice, undaunted by scope, the American Red Cross on March 1 will launch a \$200,000,000 campaign to finance its far-flung activities in 1945 and broaden the field of its war and non-war battle against suffering.

Designating March as "Red Cross Month," President Roosevelt has called upon the people of the United States to "respond to the utmost of their ability" in giving moral and financial support to the agency that provides life's blood to the wounded, food to the starving, clothes to the cold, news to the worried, aid to the helpless and faith to the forgotten.

"By the very nature of its services and the principles for which it stands, the American National Red Cross is helping to build a world of unity and peace and brotherhood,

recognizing no barriers of race or creed," President Roosevelt said in his proclamation.

### \$200,000,000 Bare Minimum

Basil O'Connor, national chairman of the Red Cross, set the \$200,000,000 fund as a bare minimum on which the agency can continue and enlarge as necessary its activities over the world.

"From now on, for the next five months, the load will be heavier," O'Connor said. "If anything, victory and demobilization will increase work and responsibility of our overseas personnel."

The work of the Red Cross four years of war has been in scope and unbeatable in arduous and shorts. In the four years six blood donor service issued the call for blood 11,000,000 pints have been donated and plasma injections have saved the lives of count-

thousands on every battlefield on which American men wage the war against oppression.

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## Wounded GIs Rebuilt for New Combat Jobs

PARIS. — Fifty men a day are being funneled back into combat by the 7th Convalescent hospital in France.

With manpower an urgent issue, the Army is utilizing the hospital

in a policy of avoiding wastage of men already overseas.

Utilization of manpower, however, does not mean that the Army is shutting its eyes to the care of the GI.

On the contrary, it was found that if a soldier who has been released from a hospital is thrust too abruptly back into the front line he may find himself physically and mentally unequal to the occasion.

Thus all wounded now go through a reconditioning process before again facing the enemy. If they can be prepared for the front line within 30 days they are sent to the institution in France. For prolonged treatment, they are sent to hospitals in Britain.

Reconditioning includes "good food, physio - therapy, exercise, psycho - neurology, entertainment and horse-sense."

### Ralph A. Renick, Army Times Advt. Director, Passes

WASHINGTON. — Ralph A. Renick, for the last year advertising director of ARMY TIMES, passed away early last Monday morning following a brief illness. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Renick, who was 41 years of age and a native of Kansas City, Mo., was widely known in the advertising field and formerly was on the staffs of Pictorial Review and Good Housekeeping. During his residence in New York, his patriotic spirit was evidenced in his affiliation with the New York National Guard, in which he held a lieutenantancy.

Mr. Renick came to Washington several years ago to join the staff of the War Production Board as a procurement specialist and liaison officer with the War Department. He later was transferred to the Smaller War Plants Corporation, resigning a year ago to become advertising director of ARMY TIMES.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Eleanor Renick, and three sons, Ralph, Jr., Richard and Robert.

### GIs and General Honored for Work in C-B-I Theater

KUNMING, China. — In a colorful retreat ceremony in the Headquarters compound of Services of Supply against a background of a battalion of Supply troops and Himalayan foothills, Maj. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commanding general of China theater, decorated a general, a captain, and two GIs Wednesday, Jan. 17.

The China theater commander pinned on Maj. Gen. Gilbert X. Cheves, commanding general of Services of Supply and deputy chief of staff for the theater, the Distinguished Service Medal.

Capt. Robert L. Barnes, TC, of Sandy Springs, Md., the Bronze Star Medal, and Cpl. Forest J. Headley, Clinton, Ala., and Pvt. Jeff B. Fulton, Phoenix, Ariz., were decorated with Air Medals.

### Doing Their Part

CAMP CROWDER, Mo. — Recent additions to the Army nursing staff at Regional Hospital are Lts. Ruth and Ruby Stennis, of Hendrum, Minn., twin sisters. With a brother in the service, they decided they should contribute to the war effort, enlisting in the Army Nurse Corps immediately on completing their nurse's training.



—Signal Corps Photo

ALLIED leaders in Asia meet in Burma to confer on future plans for the war against the Japs. Left to right: Lt. Gen. Dan I. Sultan, commanding general of the U. S. forces in the India-Burma theater; Maj. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commanding general of the U. S. forces in the China theater; Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Allied Commander in Southeast Asia; Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, chief of the U. S. Office of Strategic Services

## Lack of Repair Parts Bogs Equipment Plans

WASHINGTON. — Vitally-needed war equipment has become bogged down in the front lines of many operations theaters because of the lack of repair parts.

This was the warning sounded by J. A. Krug, chairman of the war production board, as he reported that equipment scattered all over the world was "operating under the most awful conditions that anyone can imagine."

Biggest items in the deficiency column are repair parts for engines. This SNAFU condition resulted, said Krug, from the policy of 1942 and 1943 when complete units were taken from the production lines without making provision for replacement parts.

At the same time, Krug strove to remove the bottleneck in munitions

productions by laying down a new program for government procurement agencies to follow. He ordered that the agencies place their requirements far in advance, preferably on an annual basis.

This year the munitions expenditures are estimated to be many billions of dollars more than in 1944.

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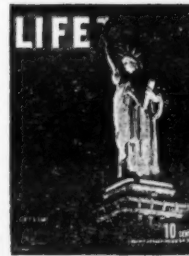


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## 9th Armored 'Ghosts' Win Nazi Admiration by Tough Battling

WITH THE 9TH ARMORED DIVISION IN EUROPE.—The 9th Armored Division had a flaming introduction to battle. The 9th crashed head-on into German armor in the Von Rundstedt offensive and emerged with the admiration of the enemy.

The Germans, finding combat teams of the 9th Armored fighting on such widely separated sectors of the front, gave the American division a name. German prisoners spoke of the 9th as the "Phantom Division." It was everywhere, they said, and they never could tell where its blows would be felt.

Utilizing its immense firepower to the utmost, even sending rear echelon men into forward positions, the 9th Armored gave an admirable account of itself. In the vital sectors of the front, Bastogne, St. Vith, Echternach, there were 9th Armored combat teams fighting.

At one time in the battle two bulges in the German lines stood out on the maps. They were at Echternach and St. Vith. In each one of these bulges there were 9th Armored men, beating off violent German charges and even counter-attacking. When the 9th's tanks were unable to get at the enemy armor foot troops repulsed German tanks with bazookas.

The 9th is commanded by Maj.

Gen. John W. Leonard of Toledo, O., who won the Distinguished Service Cross in the last war as commander of an infantry battalion.

In the battles of St. Vith, Bastogne and Echternach, the 9th Armored Division wiped out large numbers of hardened German troops. It captured hundreds of prisoners and destroyed many German tanks.

After blunting the enemy spearhead and checking the headlong German onrush westward, the 9th's combat command fell slowly back

into Bastogne itself and continued to help defend the city. There were heroes of all ranks and positions in this combat team.

The effect of its determined stand below St. Vith is well known. It split the wedge the Germans had driven into Belgium and sapped the force of their efforts to wheel northward and capture vital Belgian cities. Its significance was great.

Twice during the offensive the German radio reported the 9th Armored "destroyed." The Germans didn't mention it anymore. They think they are seeing ghosts.



—Signal Corps Photo

THIS shows the assembly of the first truck convoy in two and a half years to carry supplies over the Ledo road into China. The convoy includes heavy trucks, ambulances and jeeps. Many of the vehicles, in addition to carrying loads, are towing antitank guns and field pieces for the Chinese army. The picture was taken at Ledo, Assam. The destination of the convoy is Kunming, China, approximately 1000 miles distant.

## 700,000 Men Reassigned As Combat Replacements

WASHINGTON.—Acting Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson last week recapitulated steps taken by the Army to provide infantry replacements for overseas with figures showing more than 700,000 men reassigned.

"Approximately 500,000 available men from Zone of Interior installations who were qualified for overseas service were reassigned and sent overseas," Patterson said. "The

Army Specialized Training program was drastically reduced and nearly 50,000 of the trainees were assigned to the Army Ground Forces, mainly for infantry.

"A call for volunteers for transfer to infantry from other branches of the Army in July, 1944, resulted in reassignment of 90,000 soldiers to infantry and parachute organizations.

"There have been 80,000 men transferred by direct order from Army Service Forces and Army Air Forces under the Infantry Conversion Training program. One of the features of this program was conversion of 57 battalions of anti-aircraft artillery to infantry.

"In the overseas theaters physically qualified men previously assigned to noncombat units and installations are being converted to infantry. Under this program 10,000 men a month are now becoming available as replacements in the active theaters."

### 15 Americans, Former PWs in Germany, Are Home for Treatment

WASHINGTON.—Fifteen Army officers and enlisted men, former American prisoners of war in German custody, arrived Monday at the National Airport, and were taken to Walter Reed General Hospital. All were sick or wounded.

Included in the group was Lt. Reba Z. Whittle, of Rock Springs, Texas, the first Army nurse to be repatriated in this war.

Declared eligible for repatriation by the Mixed Medical Commission, the group was evacuated via Switzerland. They were flown home in a plane of the Air Transport Command in order to receive necessary medical treatment.

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### New Club is Opened for Troops in Italy

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy.—Allied troops recently were urged by Elia Cardinal Della Costa to find recreation and solace at the new Catholic Club in Florence, Italy. The occasion was blessing of the club's chapel, where mass is said every afternoon.

The club is sponsored by the National Catholic Community Service Club, Washington, D. C. Its facilities include shower baths, a snack bar, victrola records, a library, equipment for drawing and writing letters and a game room.

Furnishings for the chapel were donated by Cardinal Della Costa.

### Heavy Bond Buys

CAMP LIVINGSTON, La.—For the second successive year, the Camp Livingston installation passed the two million mark in sale of war bonds. Col. K. F. Hanst, camp commander, announces,

### Be-Medaled Ghost

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—Veteran of both World Wars, M/S Roy Mick, White Plains, N. Y., Assistant Post Food Supervisor here, wears campaign bars including Silver Star, Purple Heart, Chateau Thierry - Belleau Wood, Verdun, St. Mihiel, Pre-Pearl Harbor, Southwest Pacific with three battle stars—but still no Good Conduct Medal.

Further, Sergeant Mick carries in him 27 shrapnel and six machine gun wounds from the first War and is on the list of that War's dead in New York's Central Park.



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## MacArthur Makes Good

Gen. Douglas MacArthur has made good on his promise "I shall return," voiced when he was ordered by the President to leave the Philippines in March, 1942.

His orders, as given in his statement at that time, were "to break through the Japanese lines and proceed from Corregidor to Australia for the purpose of organizing the offensive against Japan."

MacArthur has traveled a long and devious route since then. Some of the steps on the path back have been tough slugging. But MacArthur and his associates have been learning how to handle the Japs as they fought their way along, with the result that the conquest of Luzon has been surprisingly easy. The three surprise landings, directed in such a way that they have pocketed the Jap forces in the southern end of the island, have been excellent strategy. But in addition to this MacArthur's several forces have moved so rapidly that the Japs have had no opportunity to organize a serious resistance.

General Mac, undoubtedly, will have gotten an enormous personal satisfaction from making good on his promise. But the determination and strategic powers he has shown in his campaign to "return" are a promise of continued striking results in the next major ground campaign against the Japs, whether it may be in the Japanese home islands, or, as is suggested in some quarters, on the Jap-occupied coast of China.

## An Invaluable Ally

The President struck an interesting note this week in designating March as Red Cross month, and announcing its campaign for \$200,000,000.

"By the very nature of its services and the principles for which it stands," his announcement said, "the American National Red Cross is helping to build a world of unity and peace and brotherhood, recognizing no barrier of race or creed."

That, as we see it, is just about the thing American men and women are fighting and dying for these days. So that, in more ways than one, the Red Cross stands as an ally of the Army and Navy.

There is no question as to how servicemen overseas and at home feel about the Red Cross. Aside from the comfort and entertainment features it offers, the absolute miracle which has been performed by blood plasma, in all the combat theaters, with blood collected under Red Cross inspiration, effort and supervision, is one of the outstanding life-saving features of the war. It is one which has endeared the organization to every one.

## The Army Means Business

The sentences of death passed out by the Seine section of the general courts martial on nine American soldiers for diverting gasoline into black market channels are a warning that the Army intends to stamp out this type of abuse decisively.

It appears manifest that the evidence in the nine cases must have been clear and conclusive since three other men, who were somehow involved and charged with the nine, were acquitted.

The sentences were doubtless given largely as a warning that the Army means business in clearing up theft of supplies of any kind. While the sentences may appear severe to some, it must be remembered that the offenses occurred in wartime and in a combat theater, where the supplies diverted meant possible life or death to other American soldiers.

Coming on top of the sentences previously handed out for the theft of cigarettes the decision of the courts martial should be salutary and effective in making any soldier think twice before he yields to the suggestions of black market operators anywhere.

## Time to Throw In Everything!



## At Your Service

Q. What are the general duties of the Combat Engineers?

A. Combat Engineers participate actively in the penetration of hostile obstacles and the capture of fortified localities, and in the defense of road blocks or mine fields.

Q. What type of casket is used for burial at the battle front; pine, metal, other, or none? T.K.L.

A. No casket is used. The body is wrapped in a sheet or tarpaulin before burial.

Q. Can you give us any information about the unofficial Air Corps club called "The Late Arrival Club"—formed by members of the Air Corps who have been shot down behind enemy lines and who walked back and who wear as an emblem a small sterling silver boot? Air Corps Lieutenant wants to get in touch with their headquarters. Lt. H.

A. The War Department says that unofficial clubs of this nature are formed in various theaters of operation, but they have no official information here about them.

Q. The address of a soldier in confinement in Italy contains the initials D.T.S.P.B.S. What do they mean? Mrs. H.

A. Disciplinary Training Center, Peninsula Base Sector.

Q. Is it possible for the wife of a veteran to make purchases at any Army Commissary? C.L.M.

A. No, not unless the man is a retired Army officer or enlisted man. If he is a veteran by discharge, his wife does not have commissary privileges.

Q. What is an "M.A.A. Discharge" from the Army of the U. S.? A.S.L.

A. There is nothing officially known as an M.A.A. discharge. The letters might possibly be an informal abbreviation for "Military Academy Appointment," for which discharges are given.

Q. In what money are Army men paid in North Africa, Italy, France, Belgium and Holland? Is it special "gold seal" currency? Mrs. R.S.L.

A. In North Africa, francs issued by the local government; in Italy, Allied Military lida; in France, supplemental French franc currency; in Belgium, Belgian francs of a new denomination which have remained in circulation; in Holland, Netherlands gulden, issued by the Netherlands Government, supplemented by old denominations which have remained in circulation. "Gold Seal" U. S. currency is issued to troops leaving the Mediterranean area for the United States.

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Q. The medical record of a physical examination shows the initial "P.P.I." in reference to condition of the feet. What does this mean? Pvt. M.K.

A. Pes Planus I—flat feet of the first degree.

Q. I am in the WAC and had two years experience as a Dental Technician before I joined. Since joining I have been trained as a Radio Technician. This work is very satisfactory, but recently I have been put on a recruiting team. With an eye toward the post-war period and a renewed interest in dental work, how can I transfer to such a job in the Army? A.H.H.

A. A WAC can apply for a change in assignment through proper channels. If a need exists and she can qualify for the dental technician job, and it is proved she can do a better job there, she may effect a transfer. All such transfers, however, are for the convenience of the government and the good of the service; a woman's post-war plans will not enter into consideration.

Q. On Sept. 16, 1944, my husband in the Army in France sent me a large amount of money through the Personal Transfer Accounts Office of the U. S. Army Finance Office, 2 Lafayette Street, New York. Shortly afterward, he sent a smaller amount. The second remittance was received; the first was not. If the first remittance was lost, how can the money be recovered? Mrs. T.S.K.

A. Where Personal Transfer Account remittances are lost or misplaced in channels of transfer and investigation reveals that the transfer has been initiated in accordance with War Department instructions and that the remitter holds a valid receipt, recovery may be obtained from the War Department. Claims should be initiated within two years, and may be filed by either the remitter or remitee.

## Letters

Gentlemen:

Regarding a proposed 20-year retirement law for the Army, I have talked to many and all are in favor of it.

Doesn't it seem logical that a law of this nature would do much toward the preservation of world peace? President Roosevelt has stated on numerous occasions that one of the requisites of a lasting peace is a large standing Army. At the late Theodore Roosevelt put it: "Speak softly and carry a big stick." In this case, our "big stick" would be a large professional army.

Many of the so-called "old timers" are undecided what to do when this war is over and discharges are being given out. Some of us will probably throw away years of service to accept a discharge and return to civilian life. In my case, I joined the Army shortly after graduating from high school. I know no other trade but the Army.

I think, as thousands of other regular Army men do, that it is time someone gave thought to the future of the professional soldier. The Navy's 20-year retirement law seems to function without any great inconvenience, so why wouldn't it work for the Army as well?

S/Sgt. James A. Moore,  
Camp Fannin, Tex.

Gentlemen:

In Army Times on Jan. 27, there seems to have been a mistake about a "Razorback" or an Arkansas UP. What is this thing? If it's a ball team, many of us have never heard of it. Or it is one of those Arkansas hogs, the kind Arkansas has that are so poor and skinny that they can even drink milk from a gallon jug?

Cpl. Benjamin R. Reed,  
Camp Butler, N. C.

Gentlemen:

We note with interest the letter from Pvt. Shainker published in a recent issue by Army Times.

There already exists an organization such as Private Shainker wishes—the American Veterans Committee, known as AVC. It's national office is at 654 Madison Avenue, New York City, and it has chapters in Los Angeles, Chicago, Cleveland and Washington so far, as well as many informal chapters overseas.

Our organization is based on the fact that ours is a citizen army. We were civilians and shall be civilians again. We believe that the welfare of the veteran cannot be separated from the welfare of the community as a whole.

Harold Weisberg, ex-Corporal,  
Edith L. Guyor, T/Sgt.

Gentlemen:

It has been our good fortune to get a copy of ARMY TIMES, and after much combat duty here in the Philippines, we appreciated this outside news. While thumbing through the Oct. 14 issue, we read your column of letters from men in the service, and we wish to register a protest on the way Cpls. B. F. Seal and B. J. Spencer kicked our Infantry around. Perhaps things are done differently in France; maybe the Armor and Artillery take and hold territory, with the Signal Corps, Air Corps, Navy and Marines assisting. Over here, the Infantry does it. This is no discredit to these outfits; they aren't supposed to do the dirty work. That is our job. We Combat Infantry men realize some jobs are done without us, but these are few and far between.

We of the Infantry don't want publicity. All we want is a good night's sleep and a faint recollection of this war.

Pfc. D. H. Peterson  
T/5 L. M. Brasier  
and a host of others  
c/o P.M., San Francisco

## Has Upton Command

CAMP UPTON, N. Y.—Col. Edward A. Coates, Jr., who has been post surgeon at Camp Upton since Oct. 16, 1940, has assumed command of this camp, coincident with announcement that the mission of the entire garrison would be operation on the recently-established Army Service Forces Convalescent Hospital.



# European Equipment Will Not Be Shifted to Pacific With Troops

WASHINGTON.—The end of the war in Germany will bring a quick shift of troops from Europe to the Pacific to speed-up the liquidation of the Japanese empire, according to a plan disclosed here this week. Under a new system described by high military officials, troops in Europe will leave the bulk of their equipment on the Continent and then rearm in the Pacific with equipment to be piled up there in the interim. Officials expect the new plan to speed the throwing of the full might

of the United States against the Japs and to save thousands of lives by ending the Jap war quicker.

The decision to leave equipment in Europe will add to war costs, require a continued high rate of production and postpone the day of reconversion.

Two other factors are said to have figured in adoption of the plan:

A scarcity of shipping to handle the equipment.

The war against Japan is moving along months ahead of schedule

while the European war is lagging, narrowing the time available to shift European forces to the Pacific for a final showdown.

Coupled with word of the new plan there was further indication that the United States industrial power is being sighted toward Japan.

The Office of Defense Transportation said the defeat of Germany will increase rather than decrease demands for rail transportation as re-deployment of forces places "an unprecedented load" upon transportation facilities. This was interpreted to mean that aside from the movements of troops to the West Coast, large quantities of armament will be transported from the East by rail.

## Rookies Organize Ack Ack Brigade; Down Nazi Plane

WITH U. S. SUPPLY FORCES IN FRANCE.—Hastily assembled to protect behind-the-lines supply depots in the Communications Zone during the German counterattack in Belgium, anti-aircraft batteries manned by Oise Section Headquarters' clerks, typists and truck drivers teamed with two other ack-ack organizations to down a German Heinkel bomber recently.

Joining forces with the Communications Zone troops were a group of French soldiers using captured German anti-aircraft guns and a rookie automatic weapons ack-ack battalion which had arrived in France a few days before from the United States.

Nicknamed "Wilsey's Ack-Ack Brigade" after its organizer, Col. W. T. Wilsey, of Washington, D. C., Oise Section's Chief of Staff, this conglomerate group was scattered throughout the Section to provide a defense against bombing and strafing by enemy planes.

AMERICAN-MADE aircraft comprised more than 20 per cent of all war materials sent under lend-lease to our Allies between March, 1941, and June, 1944.



—Signal Corps Photo

THIS German prisoner, captured at Metz, France, is 41 years of age. His name—Fritz Loew.



—Signal Corps Photo

FUN occasionally finds its place among the fighting. Here Cpl. Owen J. Ryan, Philadelphia, Pa., "captures" Sgt. S. D. Dunbar, Stockton, Calif., who had donned a Nazi uniform to have a laugh. The scene is at Eschweiler, Germany.

## Congress Asks Showdown on Draft of Farm Youths

WASHINGTON.—A showdown between Congress and the Selective Service appeared imminent this week after Maj. Gen. Lewis Hershey indicated that young able-bodied men on farms will be taken for military service regardless of the Tydings amendment deferring essential farm workers.

General Hershey told the House Committee on Agriculture that he has issued orders "that all industrial (men 26-29 deferred as essential to industry) will have to go before midsummer."

The Selective Service director appeared before the committee after the House farm bloc had accused him of violating a "promise" not to compel draft boards to induct essential farmers and agricultural laborers 18 to 26 years of age.

He told the committee that he differed with members in their interpretation of the Tydings amendment and felt that the chief consideration was whether farmers are more essential to the war effort in the armed services than in agri-

culture. Representative Pace (D.) of Georgia told General Hershey that he feels the time has come for the Selective Service director to recommend repeal of the Tydings amendment if the 360,000 deferred farmers are more essential in the Army than on the farm.

"If I thought this law (Selective Service) was not sufficient to take even the last man if necessary, I would come to Congress," Hershey said.

He denied that Selective Service was trying to evade the Tydings amendment as members of the committee had charged.

### Award for PGC Job

CAMP AMIRABAD, Teheran, Iran.—Outstanding service in planning the movement through the Persian Gulf Command of vital war material to the U. S. S. R. has brought Col. Daniel P. Caulkins of Salina, Kan., the Legion of Merit award.

## Turns Out B-25's

KANSAS CITY, Kans.—The North American bomber plant here set a new record in January by delivering 315 B-25 bombers. The plant also delivered the equivalent of 20 B-25s in parts and equipment.

## Duty in Bermuda

WASHINGTON.—An officer and 58 enlisted members of the Women's Army Corps have arrived in Bermuda for duty with the Air Transport Command, the War Department announced. They are the first Wacs assigned to Bermuda.



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## 'Horror-House' Built in West Wall by 90th

WITH THE 90TH INF. DIV.—The amazing account of how the 90th chewed its way into the heart of the West Wall, set up "house-keeping" for 16 days, and beat off numerous armored counterattacks with merely bazooka and machine-gun fire now can be told.

The assault began Dec. 6. The tricky Saar was crossed with assault boats. Then an endless stream of pillboxes were met. Jerry was either killed inside or smoked out. Sometimes he surrendered.

The 357th, 358th and 359th Infantry Regiments were heading toward the fortified zone of Dillingen. Their artillery was still on the west bank of the Saar, still with-

out a bridge.

Ammunition and food supplies were low. The Yanks got along on one K ration unit a day, scooped water from shell craters, purified it with tablets.

What supplies got through to the front were carried pack-animal fashion by the men. A little got through by plane.

Bazookas had to turn back tanks. In one instance, six of the monsters attacked. They were met by six rocket teams. Three of the tanks were knocked out, three routed.

After three days of this, the 773d Tank Destroyer Bn. began to cross the Saar. This was a wild hell that challenged the guts and ingenuity of the Yanks. But it got over.

The fanaticism of the Nazi was everywhere. Several charged single-handedly with smoking machine-guns into fortified Yank positions. Groups charged furiously. They were mowed down. Yank snipers had field days.

This Yank "house" in the West Wall was maintained for 16 days. The "householders" killed 1200 Germans. Then Von Rundstedt's stab in the north necessitated a withdrawal to the west bank of the Saar. But not until Dillingen had been ripped apart and the mission accomplished.

### Hillbilly Yodels are Popular With French

WITH THE U. S. GROUND FORCES IN FRANCE.—Mournful cowboy tunes and hillbilly yodels have replaced Nazi marching chants as the musical diet of French towns.

"We sing good old Western songs around here," said Pvt. Jack Dalton Hogg, of Los Angeles, "and the French really go for them after German marching tunes. They tell us our music is freer and gayer."

Hogg was a member of the "Texas Outlaws," a radio and movie riding and singing group with which Roy Rogers got his start. He has appeared in movies with Rogers, Gene Autrey and Tex Ritter.

**New Wacs in Italy**  
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Italy.—Two detachments of Wacs arrived recently in Italy for service in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

## Rabbi Asserts Prejudice Not Known in War

SAN FRANCISCO.—Combat zones are a melting pot which boil out race and religious prejudices, reported Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, New York City, on his return from a 35,000-mile tour of rear and forward areas in the central and south-west Pacific.

"The men are busy with their difficult and dangerous tasks," he said. "Their concern is not with the antecedents of a gunner, but with his character, his ability. As a result, prejudice is unknown. There is a remarkable and healthy spirit of team work."

He went on an official mission at the invitation of the War and Navy departments.

## ATC Plane Flies Atlantic Nonstop

NEW YORK.—The first nonstop flight from Europe to New York by a regularly scheduled cargo plane has been achieved by an Air Transport Command C-54.

A scheduled stop at Goose Bay, Labrador, was cancelled because the ship had sufficient gasoline and was favored by tail winds.

The plane carried 4300 pounds of cargo but no passengers on the 3315-mile hop.

## New Type Range Finder Assures Accurate Fire

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—The Eastman Kodak Company and the Rochester Ordnance District have announced development of a new type of range finder, the M-10, which provides accurate control of 40mm anti-aircraft gun fire.

The new finder uses two telescopes to give two target images, one red and one blue. The gunner gets his bead by superimposing the two images until a natural color target is spotted.

The finder is mounted on a director which supplies firing data electrically to the battery of guns which it aims automatically. The director also automatically computes range and height factors.

Previously slant ranges for 40mm anti-aircraft gun fire were estimated, and necessary corrections were made manually by observation of tracer shells. The new auto-

matic operation removes possibility of error by eliminating a time law.

Forty millimeter guns are used against low-level bombing and strafing attacks and may be applied against robot bombs.

## Store Teeth Puzzle Boy in East Indies

SOMEWHERE IN THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES.—When a group of Army Engineers sat down to rest, one of the tired GIs removed his false teeth and placed them on his lap. A native youth looked on in amazement. Then he wandered off, tugging away at his molars in an effort to duplicate the trick.



—Signal Corps Photo

ENGINEERS of Co. C, 275th Battalion, of the 75th Division, sweep a snow-covered road for enemy mines before the tanks move up to attack Commanster, Belgium.

## Mail Is Greatest Morale Builder for Combat Troops, Says Lovett

WASHINGTON.—"There is nothing of greater benefit to the morale of a soldier than getting mail from home. And I am very happy to tell you that our soldiers in the European Theater of Operations are getting lots of it."

Brig. Gen. Ralph B. Lovett, adjutant general of the European theater communications zone, prefaced his report on mail deliveries with this remark in an Army Hour broadcast from Paris last Sunday.

The general reported that 100,000,000 messages reach the European front every month and that 70,000,000 are dispatched from Europe to America.

He outlined the difficulties stemming from the facts that so many troops are constantly in action, that many are constantly on the move from one area to another or are handled through the hospital evacuation chain.

Adding to the problem is the deficiency of the transportation system, said the general. He pointed out that only recently have trains begun to operate on schedule to all parts of the country. This permits mail trains to run, eliminating the necessity of relying entirely on truck delivery.

The facilities of the operational unit processing V-Mail on the continent have been improved, he said. This will permit faster delivery of this type of letter to soldiers on the continent.

Passage of a National Service Law, such as the May-Bailey bill, imposing on all men between the ages of 18 and 45 equality of obligation in the war, was labeled a necessity by Robert P. Patterson,

Undersecretary of War, in a "We the People" broadcast.

"At this moment when our fighting men depend desperately on our production, critical war plants are short 300,000 men," he said. "If present methods of supplying workers to war plants are adequate to solve the manpower problem, as opponents of the act claim, why does this acute shortage exist? Further, our Army and Navy will need an additional 900,000 men in the first

six months of the year. These needs must be met."

Also speaking on the Army Hour broadcast with General Lovett was Col. Albert L. Warner, chief, war intelligence division, War Department bureau of public relations.

He outlined the generally favorable positions of the Allies on the Russian, Western, Philippine fronts. He also cited the big, dark spot, China.

## General Barnett Given New Caledonia Command

WITH U. S. ARMY SOUTH PACIFIC FORCES.—Brig. Gen. James W. Barnett of Little Rock, Ark., has been appointed commanding general of all U. S. Army forces on New Caledonia by Maj. Gen. Frederick Gilbreath, commanding general of the South Pacific Base Command.

In the South Pacific since early 1944, General Barnett for several months was assistant chief of staff to Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, then commanding U. S. South Pacific Army troops. More recently, General Barnett has been commander of Army forces on Guadalcanal and on the Russell Islands.

When the war began, General Barnett was deputy chief of staff of the 4th Army under Lt. Gen. J. L. Dewitt, now commandant of the Army-Navy Staff College. He was promoted to brigadier general and assigned as chief of staff of the 4th Army in May, 1942. Before coming to the South Pacific, General Barnett was assistant commander of the 66th Infantry Division.

General Barnett for five weeks was assistant task force commander under Maj. Gen. Charles H. Corlett when U. S. forces drove the Japs from the Aleutians. He was presented the Distinguished Service Medal in Washington by General Dewitt for his work in the plan-

ning and coordination of the Aleutian campaign and for his outstanding work in the Western Defense Command.

The general, one of the few Army officers to rise from the ranks to become a general officer, is a graduate of the Army War College, the Command and General Staff School, the Infantry School and the Cavalry School. He enlisted in the Army in April, 1914, and served with the Corps of Engineers until 1916, when he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the cavalry.

## 12 Third Military Railway Service Men Commissioned

CAMP AMIRABAD, Teheran, Iran.—Twelve enlisted men in the 3rd Military Railway Service—seven of them railroaders in civilian life—have been given direct commissions in the Transportation Corps of the Army of the United States, it was announced at Persian Gulf Command Headquarters here.

Three of the newly-commissioned officers received their gold bars at special ceremonies in the office of Brig. Gen. Donald P. Booth, commanding general of the Persian Gulf Command, while the others were commissioned at nearby Camp Atterbury, headquarters of the 3rd MRS.

As enlisted men, the 12 new officers, all of them PGC veterans, played important roles in helping move nearly 5,000,000 tons of essential war materials to Soviet Russia through the Persian Corridor.

### Lucky Corporal

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy.—A piece of shrapnel tore through the helmet of Cpl. Gordon R. Noack, of Phoenix, Ariz., and only cut his cheek while he was giving first-aid to wounded comrades on the 5th Army front in northern Italy recently.



—Signal Corps Photo

THIS gasoline pipeline has been laid five miles inland in France by American Engineers to speed up the unloading of gasoline and other fuels in this sector. In the picture the pipeline winds its way towards the storage tanks following roads and across fields.

### Bend Down, Bud!

WITH THE 103RD DIVISION OF 7TH ARMY, in France.—Once a sergeant, always a sergeant!

The 103rd Division captured a Nazi "Regular Army Man," who had been in the German army for 16 years, even before Hitler got his hands on it.

First thing the veteran sergeant did after he surrendered was to bawl out his captors for slipshod soldiering. He told them the next time they go up over a hill they should keep lower and hold their heads down.

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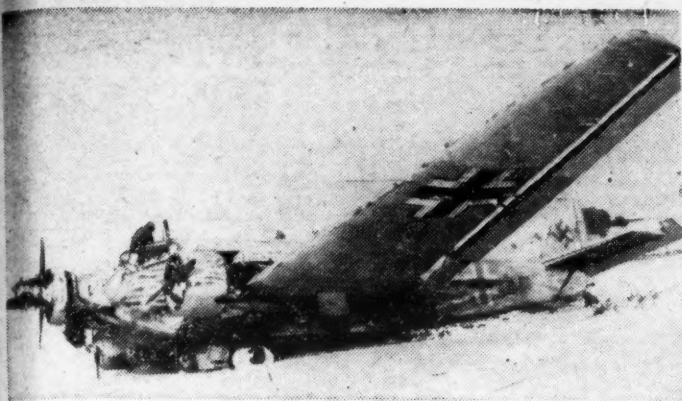
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AN American soldier examines the wreckage of a German FR-190 which was knocked down by antiaircraft fire near Asselborn, Luxembourg.

## Form U Club in China; College Spirit Reigns

KUNMING, China. — A University Club was formed at a meeting of more than 150 alumni of a score of American universities at the Bank of China Villa.

About a third of those present were army personnel from nearby bases and headquarters.

Dr. Y. C. Mei, president of South-

western Associated Universities, said that "China owes a lot to American universities for educating her young men and women." He said they would be a force in the democratization of the nation after the war. He expressed the hope that war would be ended in two years.

Cornell was represented by 22 alumni, Massachusetts Institute of Technology by 20, Harvard 18 and Michigan 14, with other groups representing Columbia, Yale, Princeton, Illinois, Duke, Iowa, Purdue, Pittsburgh, Kentucky, Ohio Wesleyan, New York University, Lehigh, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, California, Oberlin and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Shu Ching-chi, a Michigan alumnus, was chairman.

Even though it was mid-January the gathering held forth with college songs on the lawn at the villa.

## Seniority Is Sought by UE for Veterans

NEW YORK. — Seniority privileges to all veterans of World War II employed by the General Electric and the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company are asked in new contract proposals submitted by the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, CIO's third largest affiliate.

Julius Emspak, general secretary of the UE, said that the seniority clauses would extend for a period equal to the time served in the armed forces since Sept. 1, 1940, and would start, for a newly-hired employee, only after the veteran has obtained a job and has satisfactorily fulfilled the usual trial period.

The proposed contracts ask that employees of the two companies returning from service be employed at the rate of pay they received prior to leaving plus any general increases which have gone into effect since their entry into service.

Special provisions for disabled veterans provide for union-company co-operation "to secure suitable jobs" for former employees returning disabled and require that they be guaranteed employment for one year.

### Title Is Changed

FORT BENNING, Ga.—The Officers' Advanced Course of the Infantry School has undergone a change of title and is now known as the Officers' Refresher Course.

## WAC Director Cites Need for 6000 More Overseas

WASHINGTON. — The Women's Army Corps will send 6000 additional Wacs overseas in an attempt to lessen the pressure on 7000 members of the Corps who are working constantly without furloughs or overnight leaves.

Lt. Col. Anna Walker Wilson, Wac staff director for Supreme Allied Headquarters, returned to this country to arrange for the additional detachments and revealed at a press conference the serious need to provide relief for some of those already overseas.

Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, director

of the Wac, said that no new recruitment drive was planned, but that the 6000 would be sought from among those on duty in this country.

Colonel Wilson said that 50 per cent of the 7000 now overseas are on the continent of Europe and that since the Army withdrew large numbers of men from communications zones for combat duty, almost the entire responsibility for Army communications work now falls on the Wacs. She said 39 detachments in the European theater follow headquarters and undergo many of the same hardships as the men.

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# General Motors Gives Volume of War Output

DETROIT. — The tremendous war production job being done by General Motors is revealed for the first time in the release of over-all production figures in terms of actual volume of war materials.

While the figures include only a few of the more than 3600 items the corporation is manufacturing for the fighting forces of the United States and other United Nations, they cover some of the more important products.

General Motors revealed that since the beginning of the defense program in 1940 it has produced:

More than 140,000,000 shells and shell casings.

More than 180,000 cannon.

More than 1,000,000 .30- and .50-

caliber machine guns.

More than 2,400,000 carbines.

More than 180,000 airplane engines.

More than 9000 complete bombers and fighter planes.

More than 31,000 tanks, tank destroyers and armored cars.

More than 740,000 trucks, including amphibious "Ducks."

A major part of all the Diesel engines produced for the United States on land and sea.

"We are continuing to go at top speed on the big job of producing for victory," C. E. Wilson, president of General Motors, said in announcing the production figures. "With the war in Europe at what may be a decisive stage, we realize that now, more than ever, we must put all of our energy and ability into producing the things our fighting men need."

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## Army Quiz

1. War Secretary Stimson reported last week the number of service ballots cast in the 1944 Presidential election. Do you know whether this was—

- A. 108,691?
- B. 2,800,000?
- C. 4,500,000?

2. The Russians were fighting along the Danube for some months previous to the recent great winter push. How far would you say that Yank troops at the Siegfried line are from the same river?

- A. 330 miles
- B. 220 miles?
- C. 30 miles?

3. Two weeks ago the first American truck completed its journey over "Pick's Pike." Did it travel over—

- A. The military road from Antwerp to Liege?
- B. The new superhighway from Harrisburg to Pittsburgh?
- C. The Ledo section of the Burma road?

4. News dispatches tell of preparations being made for a meeting of "The Big Three." Do you know how many times the "Three" have met before?

5. Hungary, in signing an armistice with the Allies recently, was the last Axis satellite country to desert Hitler. Do you remember which was the first?

6. If American forces should move against Japan proper following the conquest of the Philippines would they strike—

- A. Due North?
- B. Northeastward?
- C. Northwestward?

7. Suggestions have been made that the name of the Burma Road should be changed in honor of an American general. Do you know the proposed name?

8. The Office of Dependency Benefits revealed last week the amount sent to the beneficiaries of American soldiers for the year ending June 30 last. Would you think the amount was—

- A. Three and a quarter billion dollars?
- B. One and a half billions?
- C. \$978,000,000?

9. Can you give the names of the Axis commanders in charge of enemy troops facing the following American generals:

- A. Gen. Douglas MacArthur?
- B. Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark?
- C. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower?

10. American landings on Luzon climaxed a series of operations in the Philippines which included: A. The landing in Mindoro. B. The second battle of the Philippine Sea. C. The invasion of Leyte. D. The invasion of Samar. Can you arrange them in the order in which they occurred?

(See "Quiz Answers," page 19)

## 50,000 Going to School in Mediterranean Area

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Italy.—Millions of soldiers, recalling basic training days, will undoubtedly agree with T/Sgt. Edwin Fuller, Bayside, L. I., who says, "You can get people to work by using the right approach."

Sergeant Fuller is taking a course in psychology given by the Armed Forces Institute unit here.

"Besides helping to dispel the myth that sergeants are all hard-headed," Sergeant Fuller said, "I figure this studying will do me good after the war. I'd like to get into labor relations work—it's going to be a big field."

More than 50,000 soldiers in this area are taking courses in technical and cultural subjects under the Institute's program.

### Protect Art Treasures

Saving priceless art treasures in the Mediterranean Theater is the task of a former University of Princeton professor, Lt. Col. Ernest DeWald, Princeton, N. J., who heads the Fine Arts Subcommittee of the Allied Commission.

Aim of this group is to minimize

the amount of war destruction and repair and protect what is saved.

"Of course, it would be sheer impossibility to avoid damage entirely," Colonel DeWald said. "But I do believe we have had a fair degree of success. I have 12 very fine and thoroughly trained officers, two of whom are always with frontline troops."

## German Officer's Son Blasts Nazi Tanks as Yank GI

WITH THE 2ND ARMORED DIVISION IN GERMANY.—A San Francisco Private First Class, whose father, a German officer, sent him to the States in 1938 for safety, came back to Germany recently pumping .50-caliber slugs into Panther and Tiger tanks.

He is Pfc. Fred Hutcheson, a machine-gunner on a medium tank in D Company of an Armored Regiment. In the last drive by the "Hell on Wheels" Division to the Roer River, Private Hutcheson's Sherman accounted for one German Panther and one Tiger tank. He knocked out the periscope on one of the tanks with his .50-

caliber machine guns.

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REFUGEES at a cross road somewhere in France wait for the go-ahead signal from the American MP. People evacuating their homes can easily block traffic if not controlled.

## Bike-Riding Sky Pilot Becomes Tradition with 45th Division

WITH THE 45TH DIVISION OF THE 7TH ARMY, France.—If you ask any doughboy of the veteran 45th Division to describe the chaplain of the 157th Infantry Regiment his answer is apt to be, "long ears, bald head and from Missouri." The doughboy will usually add, "He's quite a guy, our Chappie!" A veteran of 18 months of combat, Capt. Leland Loy, of Clifton Hill, Mo., has not only earned the re-

spect of his men but their friendship as well.

Chaplain Loy was pastor of the Methodist Church at Armstrong, Mo. In June, 1942, he joined the Army as a first lieutenant and after attending chaplain's school at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana served for a time with an Army hospital in North Carolina.

In September, 1942, he joined the 45th Division and has been with that organization ever since. To date, he has accompanied the troops in the invasion of Sicily, the invasion of Italy, the crossing of the Volturno river, the Anzio beach-head campaign, the victorious march to Rome, the invasion of southern France, the hard, bitter fighting in the snow-covered foothills of the Vosges mountains of eastern France and is currently marching with the division in Germany.

His European Theater of Operations ribbon bears five bronze battle stars, symbolic of the five major campaigns which he has taken part in.

Chaplain Loy became something

of a legend to the men in his outfit and around the campfires in rest camps someone is always bound to say, "Remember the time Chappie..." One of the things that's always remembered and repeated is Chappie's bicycle tour of Sicily.

After taking an airfield, the 45th Infantry found themselves in possession of a bicycle, complete with every possible extra piece of equipment in the way of horns and lights. A doughboy usually has enough trouble carrying his own equipment with him so the question arose of what to do with the wheel. Somebody suggested turning it over to the chaplain as a gag. They did and the gag backfired because the chaplain, who had no mode of transportation at the time, accepted it gratefully and made use of it. As he explains it, "I coasted downhill and tied it to a jeep for the uphill haul." The chaplain and his bicycle became a familiar sight on the hills and roads of Sicily and the phrase "Hi you, Chappie" became part of the division tradition.

The men will talk too of the baptisms at Anzio when the chaplain and his assistants waded out into the Tyrrhenian Sea and conducted a baptismal service under shell fire. Since then he has conducted similar ceremonies in rivers, streams, and irrigation ditches.

The men remember the early, tiring days of the southern France invasion. The infantrymen were tired, hot and close to exhaustion from heat. As they passed through a French town they had just liberated, they spied the familiar figure of the chaplain standing beside a fountain in the public square. He had his steel helmet off and as each soldier passed, he dipped the helmet into the fountain and dumped the cold water over the head of the perspiring doughboy. As he explains it, "There's more to the chaplain's job than just listening to gripes or reading scriptures. It includes things like dousing the boys' heads on hot days."

They'll tell you too about the time on Anzio when four American soldiers were wounded and lay in "No Man's Land" in plain view of their buddies. The battalion medics tried several times to get to them but each time, despite the Red Cross they carried, the Germans drove them back with machinegun fire. It was obvious to every man in the outfit that unless the men were evacuated soon all hope for them would be gone. At this point, the chaplain, who had been visiting the men on the lines, grabbed the Red Cross flag and walked forward toward the German lines. He reached the wounded men and personally evacuated them. The Germans never once fired a shot. Captain Loy was awarded the Bronze Star for this action.



# Veteran of 101 Combat Missions Hero of Many Narrow Escapes

**SGT. CURTIS YOUNGBLOOD**  
CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—If you believe in rabbit's feet, horseshoes or something else, you are welcome, but for my part, I would feel safest going into battle with Capt. L. W. Nichols of Hattiesburg, Miss., who has flown 101 combat missions over the sub-infested Atlantic, in Africa, the Mediterranean area and Europe without losing a man from his crew or a plane from a formation he led in enemy territory.

The smiling bombardier, who has had a charmed life through better than two years of combat flying, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Rhian, of Hattiesburg. He went into the air forces as an aviation cadet from the anti-aircraft artillery in April, 1942, and got his current leave through Reception Station 5 here.

The young captain told how six feet was blown off a wing tip of his Liberator on one trip; of the time his B-24 came in with 273

holes, and how he bailed out over North Africa. In his pocket he carries a jagged piece of flak which drove through his protective shield of armor to hit him in the pants over Hamburg one day.

"I nearly jumped out of the plane," Captain Nichols tells. "Boy, was that stuff burning?" Another piece hit him on his steel helmet over Coblenz on another day.

## Scared Plenty

Even a lucky man gets scared plenty, the captain admits. "I've prayed many a time. I'll tell anybody."

Nazi flak in Sicily crippled the bomber he abandoned over North Africa. The B-24 was afire all the way across the Mediterranean sea. When they hit the friendly coast, the pilot gave the jump order.

The captain, ready, left the blazing plane in a hurry. "I wasn't worried about the parachute," Captain Nichols claims. "What bothered me was landing on cactus. I could see myself pulling needles out of my pants."

When the Liberators are on the actual bomb run the danger is worst because evasive action is impossible. Fighter escorts, on the other hand, stand above the flak watching for interceptors.

The small planes, known as "little brothers" in airman's jargon, call the bombers on the radio to razz them. While in the death-inviting bomb run the B-24 crew will hear a call from a P-51 hovering above, "Hey, big brother, are you happy? Having a good time? How's the stuff down there?"

It will make a guy mad, the bombardier says. But he was mighty glad to have the "little brothers" along when Jerry fighters appeared. Flak was responsible for another

of the young captain's hair-raising experiences. On one raid over Europe, a rear bomb-bay door was jammed shut. The 100-pound bombs in the top rack fell, fuses spinning. In a little while they were armed and ready to blow up at the slightest jar.

The bombardier, without a parachute, crawled out over the forward doors, which now could not be closed, tenderly grabbed the fuses one by one, took them off and tossed them through the open bottom of the ship. Dizzy from lack of oxygen, the officer took the still dangerous "frags" in his arms, one at a time. In a half dozen exhausting trips he staggered over to the open bomb door and tossed them out.

The Mississippian's biggest thrill came D-day. The colonel told the fliers at their pre-dawn briefing session, "This is it." It was the biggest thing Captain Nichols ever saw and the biggest thrill of his combat experience.

Through the clouds he and the men in the formation saw an ocean full of ships. "I never saw so many ships. I didn't know so many airplanes could be in the air," said the soldier as he described the gigantic triphibious attack.

He was the lead bombardier. His formation had to drop all its bombs by 0630. At 0629 they were away. Behind them came other planes, all pasting a specific target area. It was a beautifully timed precision job.

## Whir of Camera Doesn't Silence Whiz of Bullet

**WITH THE 35TH INFANTRY DIVISION ON THE GERMAN BORDER.**—Leading his squad of sniper-hunting 137th Infantrymen along a Saarguemines street recently, S/Sgt. Clyde Stalcup, of Louisville, Ky., suddenly heard a grinding noise behind him. He turned and saw a cameraman, Tom Priestly, of Universal Newsreel, recording the progress of the squad. "Don't look at the camera!" commanded the photographer, "make it look real." "Real, hell!" Sergeant Stalcup responded as a bullet whizzed past his head, "what do you think this is: a movie set?"

## Salamaua Battleground Named Roosevelt Ridge

**HEADQUARTERS, 41ST DIVISION, Far Pacific.**—A height of ground at Salamaua, scene of some of the most savage fighting of the Pacific War, has been renamed Roosevelt Ridge in perpetuity in honor of Lt. Col. Archie Roosevelt, last living son of Theodore Roosevelt.

In June, 1943, Colonel Roosevelt commanded a battalion of the famed 41st Infantry Division when the veteran jungle-masters stormed ashore in what was the first amphibious operation of the Southwest Pacific. The men established a world record for continuous fighting in foxholes by remaining in the lines without relief or surcease for 76 consecutive days and nights, before the Japs finally were wiped out.

Roosevelt Ridge proved a particularly different objective, due to stout, tiered emplacements and cleverly concealed bunkers.

At one phase of the fighting, Colonel Roosevelt put to sea in a small craft and lay offshore deliberately drawing enemy artillery fire. As shells plopped about him he charted the guns' locations. This intelligence greatly abetted his Junglers in reducing Jap strongpoints.

For its achievements, Colonel Roosevelt's battalion received from his cousin in the White House a

Presidential Unit Citation, one of three the 41st veterans have won thus far in their Pacific campaigns.

Roosevelt Ridge is in Australian-mandated New Guinea, and on all future maps and references will be so known. It is the first battlefield or landmark of any sort yet named for an American fighter in the war against Japan.

## Sends Soil from U. S. to Place on Grave in France

**WITH THE 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION OF THE 7TH ARMY, France.**—Chaplains, especially the ones overseas, handle many and varied types of requests.

Having served for more than three years with the 3d Division, two of these overseas, Lt. Col. Ralph J. Smith, San Antonio, Tex., is somewhat of an authority on interesting incidents.

When one of the infantry boys came to him with a box cradled under his arm, the chaplain didn't think anything of it. He is accustomed to being visited by the many friends he has won in the division. But when the soldier told of what



—AAF Photo

**THIS** close view of a waterspout helps to dispel the belief that "spouts" are solid columns of water. Actually they are rotating columns of cloud. Spray at the base of the column obscures the point where the "spout" touches the sea and indicates that the destructive area of wind is about 500 feet in diameter. This "spout" is rising into a cloud approximately five miles deep.

## 5 Top Industrial Plants Employ 50,000 Disabled

**NEW YORK.**—The nation's five companies these cases are placed top industrial plants are now employing 50,000 honorably discharged, disabled veterans and expect to add another 25,000 within a month, according to the February issue of Cosmopolitan Magazine.

Reporting on some of the larger companies which have "done something" about re-employment and rehabilitation, Harry Brundage, Cosmopolitan writer, declares that the five major companies follow these general lines:

"Hire every veteran who asks for a job, regardless of mental or physical handicaps. Inquire into the ambitions and capabilities of each and place him where he can best demonstrate his ability to earn the highest possible wage."

Brundage lists the five companies as the Ford Motor Co.; General Motors Corp.; Bethlehem Steel Co.; Higgins Industries, Inc., and the Glenn L. Martin Co.

### Care in Assignment

Brundage says that many of the veterans were discharged because of nervous conditions and that such veterans are never placed in jobs that may recall painful memories.

"Pilots are not put to work on planes; tail gunners are not sent to rivet sections; torpedoed seamen do not work on ships," he wrote. "Men who knew the terrors of being bombed or shelled are never placed under the path of an overhead crane, nor are unskilled workers who suffered in foxholes assigned to ditch digging."

"In every plant of the five great

**Jobs for All Types**  
"Men who have lost a foot, leg or both legs are given sitting-down jobs; those with one hand or arm missing are placed on jobs operated with one hand or none; men who have lost both hands or arms are put on machines operated by foot; sightless men are fitted into operations where touch and practice are of paramount importance."

"In the eyes of the experts, there are no 'disabled' men, and no jobs are created for the handicapped. All are fitted into worthwhile jobs."

"Any attempt to 'make work' for a handicapped man will not prove satisfactory either to the individual or the management. A successfully placed handicapped worker ceases to be handicapped from the standpoint of earnings or productivity."

## Treasury to Seek Increase in Debt Limit This Month

**WASHINGTON.**—The Treasury Department will ask Congress this month to raise the public debt limit from \$260,000,000,000 to \$300,000,000,000 before the start of the Seventh War Loan drive in May or June.

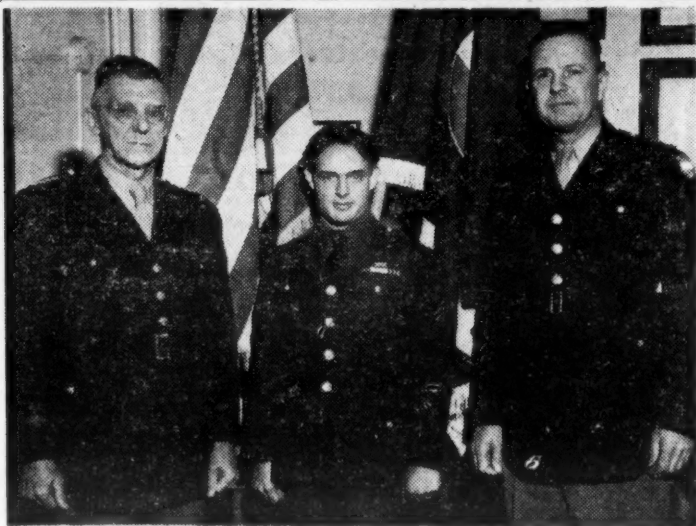
The Treasury reported in a routine monthly statement that only \$18,980,169,147 of government securities can be issued until the debt limit is raised.

## Negro Soldiers on 'Army Hour' Sunday

**WASHINGTON.**—Negro soldiers of the 92nd Infantry Division which is fighting in Italy, together with Negro returnees from the Southwest Pacific, will be featured on "The Army Hour," weekly NBC broadcast scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 11.

M/Sgt. Kermit E. Gantt, San Francisco, Calif., and Sgt. Gaillard Cooper, Los Angeles, both veterans of the Southwest Pacific campaign, will be interviewed from Fort Huachuca, Arizona, where they are assigned to Special Service Unit 1922.





GEN. JOSEPH W. STILWELL, commanding general, Army Ground Forces, is seen above (left) with Cpl. Carlton W. Barrett, of Lake Luzerne, N. Y., the diminutive doughboy who won the Medal of Honor on the Normandy beachhead on D-day, and Maj. Gen. James G. Christiansen, chief of staff, Army Ground Forces.

## 192 Battle Vets Serving as MPs at Fort Benning

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Decorated battle veterans are now appearing daily in the rosters of the enlisted personnel who compose the Military Police Detachment at Fort Benning.

Rotation of troops from overseas theaters has been responsible for the influx of battle-scarred veterans who now form a part of the MPs whose job now is to keep peace and order on the post and in nearby Columbus and Phenix City.

One hundred and ninety-two men in MP Detachment No. 1 have amassed 345 ribbons and bronze stars—116 for overseas service.

Thirty of the MPs wear the Asiatic Theater ribbon, 13 the European theater ribbon and 19 the American theater ribbon. Thirty-three have been decorated with Bronze Stars for their participation in major battles.

The Purple Heart has been awarded five men in the Detachment.

## Prisoners Not Coddled Marshall Tells Legion

INDIANAPOLIS.—Replying to an American Legion inquiry as to the truth of charges that prisoners of war held in the United States were being coddled, Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, has declared the Army's policies and procedures governing such prisoners have been rather seriously misconstrued in some quarters. The general stated that the treatment of such prisoners has been governed by the Geneva Convention and the Ameri-

can Army has been scrupulously observing all the provisions of that convention.

General Marshall made the explanation in a letter replying to an inquiry from National Commander Edward N. Scheiberling of the American Legion. Commander Scheiberling was directed by the national executive committee of the American Legion to obtain the truth from government officials and members of Congress as to the charges that such prisoners were being coddled, and cause an investigation to be made if the charges were found to be true.

"The lavish entertainment you mentioned probably refers to members of Italian Service Units," General Marshall wrote. "The status of these men has likewise been misunderstood. Some Italian prisoners voluntarily entered Italian Service Units after the surrender of Italy and signed a pledge of loyalty to the Allied cause. They are permitted to leave the military installation in which they are serving and may participate in various social gatherings, but this always is done under close supervision of American military personnel. The members of these units perform very useful and effective services which contribute materially to the prosecution of the war both in continental United States and in several of our overseas theaters. Their special status does not apply, of course, in the case of German prisoners of war."

## Gallant Cop

WITH THE DIXIE DIVISION ON MOROTAI.—Sgt. Stanley S. Labensky, 42-year-old veteran of the Westchester County (N. Y.), Police Highway Patrol, has received the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action during an amphibious operation in which units of the 31st Infantry Division were engaged.

## Heroic Story of 'Tough 'Ombres' Told in Booklet

WITH THE 90TH INFANTRY DIVISION, in France.—The "beginning" of the heroic story of the 90th Infantry Division in World War II is faithfully told in a booklet, "Tough 'Ombres," published as one of the series of GI stories of the Ground, Air and Service Forces in the European Theater of Operations.

Although the blood-red T-O insignia of the 90th Division means Texas and Oklahoma, the GIs who survived 53 consecutive days of combat after D-Day have renamed it "Tough 'Ombres" in recognition of the staggering blows it handed Germany's prepared might in its sweep across France.

The brief history of the division has been written by W/O (J.G.) Carl Jenkins and Pfc. Edward G. Hartmann, and carries through to late October, 1944, when the "tough 'ombres" found themselves at the gates of Metz.

The booklet tells the story of the 53 days of consecutive fighting from June 6 to July 28, when the division broke down the "iron door" that blocked the road across France to Germany. It tells of individual heroes, of impregnable hills, of low ammunition, of vicious counter-attacks, of defensive tactics and of final success.

## Beale at Beale

CAMP BEALE, Calif.—This story about a soldier sounds like a geography lesson in dialect: Kemp Beale has arrived at Camp Beale.

Kemp Beale, if you haven't guessed by now, is a soldier with the confusing name. He came to Camp Beale from the mountains of North Carolina, via Fort Lewis, Wash.

## AAF Changes Terminology to Better Describe Operations

WASHINGTON.—In accordance with a directive issued by General of the Army H. H. Arnold, Commanding the Army Air Forces, the AAF now uses the term "air coordination" rather than "air support" to describe the relationship of air operations to surface force operations.

The instructions from General Arnold's headquarters state in part: "The expression 'air support' has been used freely during this war to describe the relationship of air operations to surface force operations. In operation of co-equal forces, one force does not support the other in the sense that the word 'support' has held for many years in military language. Operations of co-equal forces are carried out by joint planning and joint effort toward a command objective.

"The expression 'cooperation with ground or naval forces' is suitable to describe air participation. Each

arm has a part to play; and it is perfect cooperation or teamwork which makes possible such hazardous operations as our amphibious landings in the Pacific, or the breakthrough in Normandy."

Other preferred terminology to replace present current phrases were listed as follows:

Air support—Air participation, air effort, air-ground cooperation, air-ground coordination, air strikes, air attacks.

Supporting aviation—Participation, tactical air effort.

Air in support of—Air operating in conjunction with ground and/or naval forces.

Direct support, close support—Battle area air attack, participating aviation, air strikes in the battle area, joint air-ground effort.

Air support mission—Air missions, air strikes.

Air support operations—Joint air-ground operations.

## Army Ground Forces News

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY GROUND FORCES.—Simultaneous presentation to Brig. Gen. Benjamin G. Ferris of the Bronze Star Medal, and the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit, was made by Maj. Gen. James G. Christiansen, Chief of Staff of Army Ground Forces on Feb. 3. General Ferris was cited for his outstanding work as Deputy Chief of Staff in the C-B-I Theater under Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, now Commanding General of Army Ground Forces.

Assigned here for permanent duty are Col. Walter J. Kieperling, FA, Ground G-4 Section; Capt. Gene Quinn, MAC, Ground Requirements Section, and Warrant Officer (JG) Robert D. Sullivan, AUS, Ground Requirements Section.

HEADQUARTERS, FIELD ARTILLERY SCHOOL.—Col. Hugh P. Adams, Commanding Officer of Field Artillery School detachments, presented Good Conduct Medals to 173 enlisted men of the 2nd Battalion, on Butner Field.

Officers assigned as members of the staff, faculty and detachment: Maj. Philip A. Grimes, FAS Detachment; Maj. Adrian F. Sherman, Jr., and Capt. Stuart M. Vaughn, Department of Communications; Capt. Peyton Tutwiler and Capt. Albert J. Krabbe, Jr., Gunnery; Capt. Robert S. Leon, Combined Arms; 1st Lt. William H. Strickland, Jr., Material; 1st Lts. Clelland C. Bland, Norman L. Ginder, John D. Grabbski, Ralph J. Kueker, William J. McPherson and Woodrow W. Porter Motors.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED CENTER.—The assignment of Lt. Col. Philip L. Elliott as Division Quartermaster of the 16th Armored Division was announced recently by

Brig. Gen. John L. Pierce, Division Commander. Colonel Elliott has served with the 8th and 14th Armored Divisions, as well as with the 42nd Infantry Division.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED SCHOOL.—Maj. John M. Samuel, who wears five overseas stripes for service in the British Isles, Africa and Italy, was recently appointed Armored School Surgeon. Major Samuel is the first officer to fill the newly-created position. He served overseas as surgeon for several units of the 1st Armored Division. He won the Bronze Star for gallantry in action between May 23 and June 9, 1944, during the breakout from Anzio and the pursuit of the enemy north of Rome.

Col. Robert G. St. James, Maj. Charlie H. Reeves, Maj. Arthur L. Davenport, Maj. Roue L. Hogan and 1st Lt. Seymour L. Rosenberg were recently assigned to headquarters, School Troops.

Recent additions to the faculty of the Tactics Department were Maj. William M. Delaney, Maj. Mortimer M. Merritt, Maj. Wayne D. Smart and Capt. Robert E. Simons.

HEADQUARTERS, CAVALRY SCHOOL.—Col. Lester A. Sprinkle, Cavalry, has been assigned to duty with the staff and faculty, as Executive Officer.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMMAND.—Col. Thomas G. Dobyns, IGD, accompanied by Lt. Col. C. G. Schenken, JAGD; Lt. Col. Paul Hastings, CAC, and Lt. Col. Myron M. Layton, CAC, visited Camp Haan, Calif., on temporary duty.

To discuss Antiaircraft training.



POCKET TESTAMENT which he received from home and inscribed, "May This Keep You Safe from Harm," is credited by Pvt. Mitchell Lanier, of Summertown, Tenn., attached to the 142nd Inf. Med. with saving his life. Carried in his left breast pocket, the book was shattered by shell fragments at Leipenne, France.

Col. A. B. Nicholson arrived from Orlando, Fla., for conferences with this headquarters, and Antiaircraft Artillery School. Lt. Col. H. F. Vincent, Army Ground Forces, in Washington, D. C., visited this headquarters to discuss training matters.

Col. Herbert T. Benz, CAC, has been announced as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, at headquarters. Lt. Col. Paul M. Hunt, CAC, also has been assigned to the G-3 Section.

HEADQUARTERS, TANK DESTROYER CENTER.—Col. Beverley St. G. Tucker, Lt. Col. Park W. Bailey, Maj. Darrell E. Brodie, and Maj. Russell S. Van Duzer visited Camp Polk, La., on temporary duty in connection with Tank Destroyer activities.

HEADQUARTERS, TANK DESTROYER SCHOOL.—Col. Charles F. Ivans, Maj. Francis M. Clark, Capt. William R. Bowdoin, and Capt. M. Breen, Replacement and School Command Headquarters, visited this headquarters.

Capt. J. F. Morgan of the Information and Education Division, War Department, is on special duty with Replacement and School Command Headquarters in connection with orientation activities.

## Captured Nazis Aid Yanks Round Up 'Yearning' Pals

WITH THE 14TH ARMORED DIVISION OF THE 7TH ARMY IN FRANCE.—An Armored Infantry Battalion of the 14th Armored Division was cleaning out a town in Alsace when S/Sgt. Carl H. Wy-more, Salt Lake City, Utah, of one company, startled the armored doughboys by appearing on the street with a squad of 16 men—all in German uniform.

He marched them down the street in column of threes, and one man swore that he could hear him counting cadence under his breath.

It all began when Sergeant Wy-more led a patrol out to contact the company which was cleaning house on another street. On the way they stopped to relieve two Nazis of the burden of housekeeping in a French home and were surprised to hear them volunteer to take them to where more enemy soldiers were yearning for the security of a prison camp.

Warily escorting the prisoners up a hill on the outskirts of town,

the patrol found 14 more Nazis lying prone on the ground. They seemed almost relieved to see the Americans—but, as Sergeant Wy-more says, were scared half to death.

They got up, docilely enough, and formed column of threes without a murmur, and marched into town at the sergeant's orders as though they understood the old Army "Hup, two, three, four."

## Surgeon General Favors National Draft of Nurses

WASHINGTON.—Dr. Thomas Parran, Surgeon General of the U. S. Public Health Service, advocates application of the Selective Service principle of drafting all professional nurses for both civilian and military duties.

Dr. Parran, supporting the proposed draft of nurses, told the House Military Affairs Committee that it is necessary to mobilize nurses to guard against collapse on the civilian front as well as the military front and advocated a system under which each nurse would be required to contribute in proportion to her skill.

The surgeon general favored an amendment to the bill to provide an effective control over nursepower even after military needs are met.



## Realistic Assault Tactics Taught in Texas Badlands

CAMP WOLTERS, Tex.—"Penitentiary Hollow..." where badmen of Texas sought escape from the law only to meet death from starvation, is the locale of the new "Rifle Squad in Offensive Combat" battle course—which combines every phase of combat assault training for soldiers of Camp Wolters.

The new battle course was prepared by the Plans and Training office upon request of Maj. Gen. Bruce Magruder, IRTC Commanding General. "Penitentiary Hollow" lies on the shores of Lake Mineral Wells, adjacent to the Dry Valley training area. Use of the historic Hollow, where the infamous Texas outlaw Sam Bass sought refuge from the law, was leased from the city of Mineral Wells.

Jagged rocks, caves "jungle growth"—all combine to present terrain features that are of utmost value in training troops for combat. Jap defense tactics are copied by "enemy" troops, who scream and rave as they attack.

### Invasion Tactics

As the course is presently designed, and to acquaint soldiers with the problems of landing on hostile shores, tactical use of training features provided by Lake Mineral Wells are employed. Soon after trainees are oriented with the task they must accomplish during the course, they are loaded into 10-ton engineer pontoon boats which double as landing craft.

Once in the boats, the men are under complete tactical conditions. They are carried to "Penitentiary Cove"—where they rush ashore toward their first positions. At the Cove, a native hut lends semi-tropical realism to the problem.

The battle course today represents a culmination of effort begun when General Magruder directed that it be set up last October. The first battalion to run the course went through it November 11. The amphibious features and Jap emplacements have been added since that time.

All features of "Penitentiary Hollow" were scrutinized by officers who had actually fought similar battles against the Japs on islands of the South Pacific. Director of the course is Capt. Arthur B. Sharlack, Bishop, Tex., Director of Dry Valley Training Area. Problem instructor is Lt. S. T. Wharton, Medford, Ore.

### Stress 'Buddy' System

Highlight of training is the stress placed on the "buddy" system of advance and protection. As one soldier advances and carefully searches every conceivable hiding place for an "enemy"—his buddy

protects him with covering fire.

Realism of the course is soon heightened by jagged cliffs that must be scaled; one rising to a sheer height of 60 feet. Each fold or rock might conceal an enemy; each bush, each fallen log might hide an enemy with the fatal bullet for an American soldier.

Then come the screams of crazed "Japs"—the sounds of battle-maddened sons of heaven, out to assure themselves an eternal place in the halls of their ancestors.

### Attack 'Jap' Bunkers

Reaction to Jap tactics must come instantaneously and correctly the first time. Such reaction-training is paramount in the course.

After scaling the cliffs, the soldier must attack "Jap" bunkers with Infantry weapons. Bayonets must be ready for hand-to-hand combat that may result.

Thus, as the 64th Training Battalion went through "Penitentiary Hollow" in the middle of January, the training they received will be invaluable when and if they are required to close with the Japs.

Most difficult feat of establishing the course was that of terrain analysis. That job was accomplished by personnel of Dry Valley under the direction of Capt. Sharlack. All work of construction was done by Dry Valley personnel.

"Men go to it with real vigor," declared Captain Sharlack. "We feel that what they learn here is vital—and will go a long way for victory."



LOOKING BEAUTIFUL was 1st Lt. Virginia Lee Cady's job before her entrance into the Women's Army Corps, and it was not a difficult task for the former model and member of the Screen Actors Guild. Lieutenant Cady, whose home is in Tucson, Ariz., is Identification Officer at Holabird Signal Depot, Baltimore.

## Proper Use Makes Army Tank Dozers Offensive Weapon

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST ARMORED DIVISION. — The amazing feats performed by Army tank dozers in actual combat in Italy have resulted in a booklet, "Tank Dozer Tips," being published for use by crews and prospective crews.

Conceived and drawn up by Capt. Stephen M. Barker of the 16th Armored Engineer Battalion, the booklet points out that the Army tank dozer has completely changed the meaning of the words "Tank-Country" and that used properly it is one of the most important offensive weapons.

The booklet attempts to advise on how the tank dozer should be used most effectively.

During the breakout drive from the Anzio beachhead the tank dozers cleared away road blocks and wrecked vehicles and debris and once, working under intense shell fire, cleared a two-lane road through Cisterna, Italy, in four hours.

## Army Salvaging Hurricane Wood

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—Removal of fire hazard timber felled by the hurricane of last September on Cape Cod, which is to be salvaged by the Army, is now in progress on Popponesset.

Under supervision of Army personnel who had previous experience in lumbering, German Prisoners of War are doing the cutting and clearance work.

It is estimated that there is about eight million board feet of hurricane trees on Cape Cod which could be removed under this program.

## Wounded Hitler Is Hiding in Austria

ROME.—Adolf Hitler's present hideout is a little monastery on the outskirts of Salzburg, Austria, say three priests who smuggled themselves back to the Vatican after being booted from the retreat.

The clerics said the fuhrer is still suffering from the result of the July 20 bomb plot against him.

Hitler has a large wound in the left side of his scalp, not yet healed, but lightly bandaged, in the hope sun and air would have curative effects, the monks reported.

They said they saw him several times in the monastery garden and that he was fearful of Berchtesgaden because the Allies might send assassins.

## Army, Navy Big-Wigs Praise USO Record

NEW YORK. — Army and Navy representatives hailed the contributions of the United Service Organizations, Inc., to the success of the fighting forces at the USO fourth anniversary dinner in the Waldorf-Astoria.

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PVT. Jimmy Ferguson, Granby, Mo., displays his new "booties," made from salvaged blankets, to Sgt. Albert L. Soli, Westwood, Calif. (left), and Sgt. Robert Kircher, Maplewood, N. J. The "booties" are carried inside the men's shirts for warmth and used to replace wet shoes and sox.

## Fast-Flowing Beer Speeds Troops on Road to Manila

IN THE SUBURBS OF MANILA. —Feb. 4th was a great day for the beer-drinking correspondents and officers and men of Maj. Gen. Robert Beightler's "Buckeye" Division.

Nearing their military objective of Manila, they reached a big brewery in the suburbs which had been broken open by jubilant Filipinos.

Streaming out with their arms loaded with beer bottles, the Filipinos distributed to all who didn't resist. One native rushed up to General Beightler's jeep and tossed in an armful.

"I filled two canteens, two quart

bottles and my helmet with the ice-cold, foaming brew and it seemed the finest I ever tasted," said H. D. Quigg, United Press correspondent.

The troops almost flooded the brewery when they pulled a plug from a batch of brew and the foaming beer gushed out faster than they could fill helmets or canteens.

NINETY-THREE separate manufacturing plants for airframes, engines and propellers makes up the U. S. basic aircraft manufacturing industry.

## Hot Tunes, Jive, Classic Arias Shipped to Troops

WASHINGTON.—"Don't Fence Me In," the plaintive ditty that has captured the song markets on the home front, appears in the list of popular numbers included in the "Q" (February) issue of V-Discs released today by the Army's Special Services Division.

Consistent with the plan to cater

## Embarrassed Nazi Surrenders After Pulling Yank Leg

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy.—Pvt. Daniel Weiderhold, of Minersville, Pa., captured a German who literally pulled his leg on the 5th Army front in Italy recently.

Weiderhold serves in Company L, 362nd Infantry Regiment of the 91st Powder River Division.

Behind a bank in a prone position, he was scanning the area to his front when he felt a tug on his foot. He paid no attention until the tug was repeated. Turning around, he saw behind him a 6-foot Jerry, cradling an automatic pistol in his arms.

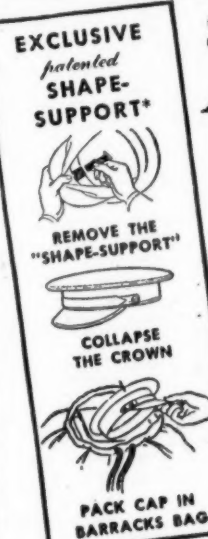
The Nazi gave an embarrassed grin and Weiderhold escorted his prisoner to the rear.

to the varied tastes of our fighting troops the February package of phonograph recordings also includes selections from two Wagner operas recorded by Arturo Toscanini and two semi-classical arias sung by Lily Pons and Jan Peerce. Popular music generally is represented by such standard favorites as "Moanin' Low" in a new arrangement, sung by Lena Horne, and "Hey Now, Let's Live," the latest jive by Louis Jordan.

Twelve thousand and five hundred five-pound boxes, each containing 20 records and a package of 200 needles, now are ready for shipment by fast mail to American troops all over the world. Some may be dropped by parachute to men in isolated stations, but wherever they are fighting Yanks soon will be getting their new month's supply of music.

### Overseas Romance

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy.—First Lt. Robert D. Gossett, of Houston, Tex., flew from Italy to Marseilles, France, to marry 2nd Lt. Alice M. Mincavage, Army nurse from Long Island, N. Y., whom he met for the first time in Oran, North Africa, when he was hospitalized.



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## Jungle Fighters Supplied by "Water Buffalo" Crews

WITH THE DIXIE DIVISION ON MOROTAI—"That's all I can do men, the rest is up to you." Pvt. Minor DuVal, of San Bernardino, Cal., glancing at the empty grenade box beside him, sat down in the cab of his amphibious tank.

DuVal had just made the way easier for his load of infantry assault troops by breaking open the grenade case and hurling its contents at the strong Jap positions beyond the beach. Bullets and shell fragments whined in the air as he turned his "water Buffalo" around and headed for the shore for more troops.

DuVal's action is just one reason why the doughboys of the 31st Infantry Division have great respect for the members of their LVT (Landing Vehicle Tank) Platoon.

The platoon leader, M/S James R. Sellers, concurs.

"These men of mine," he says, "are the worst damn garrison soldiers in the world, but if there's any hope of action ahead they'll work their heads off twenty-four hours a day getting ready and then come

back from the mission moaning because there wasn't enough excitement."

Pvt. Oliver Harty, of Goshen, N. Y., and Pvt. George F. Dunn, of Providence, R. I., are two of his action-loving men.

"It's work, but it's a hell of a lot of fun," grinned Harty. He and Dunn had just returned from a tortuous trip up an inland river carrying supplies to an advanced infantry company.

"They used to drop rations and supplies by plane until we finally managed to get a Buffalo up to them. Had to take a demolition squad of engineers with us to blast a few spots clear, but we finally made it. These Buffaloes are the only way in the world to get there except by foot. No boat could make it—too many shallows, coral rock, and fallen trees. We're making trips every day now."

"Yeah," Dunn agreed, "but we don't always make it back the same night. Take Christmas Day, for instance. We were going up with supplies and were told our turkey dinner would be saved for us until we got back. Well, we went on up with a company of infantry marching a head of us. The water was shallow so we made good time. All of a sudden I saw the troops scrambling up the banks. I soon saw why—a four-foot wall of water was rushing downstream. Caused by a cloud burst up in the mountains, I guess. Anyway, it wasn't long before we were in the middle of a storm ourselves. There was nothing to do but to stop for the night so guards were sent out and we hacked out a place for ourselves in the jungle. No blankets nor nothin'. And instead of turkey, we ate soaked K-ration."

Most of the men in the LVT platoon were originally from the field artillery. "It wasn't hard for us to get used to these things," explained Harty, "because most of us had driven the caterpillars having the big guns. These Buffaloes are only a little harder to drive—mostly because you can't see well. Nope, I haven't ever heard of one turning over, and I've had 'em darn perpendicular myself. And as far as a rough sea goes, as long as you have your motor running you can't sink one of these babies. A driver has to get over being seasick, though."

## War Department Cites Policies to Release Men

WASHINGTON.—Complete statements of the War Department policies regarding relief of officers and enlisted men from active duty are given in War Department circular No. 485 and Army Regulations No. 615-363, recently issued.

Circular No. 485 sets up policies for release of officers who have rendered valuable service, but whose retention on active duty is no longer necessary or desirable, and for officers who are qualified for assignment only to positions for which an over-all Army surplus of available officers exists.

Army Regulations No. 615-363 pertains chiefly to policies under which enlisted personnel may be released to reserve components or discharged from inactive status in reserve components. It also sets up procedures for releasing former key men in industries for re-employment in a necessary war job.

### Plaques for 2 Units

WASHINGTON.—Meritorious Service Unit plaques have been awarded to the New York Branch Office of the Information and Education Division and to the Armed Forces Radio Service at Los Angeles for exceptional service in the war effort, the War Department announced.

## Pickin' Up Papers

The "Post," camp paper at Greenville Air Field, Miss., runs a column of motherly worldly-wise advice dealing with soldier problems, done by Pvt. Clara V. Thompson, who writes under the name "Mom," which is popular with camp GIs. Recently a letter from a former Greenville boy, now overseas, commenting on the way she had handled a trainee's problem, noted: "Your answer to his letter gave me quite a lift, as I, too, have felt many a time as if I was in the wrong job and my efforts were unappreciated."

The "Pilot Reporter," of Merced Field, Calif., which saw the light just a month after the field opened, marked its third anniversary with a front-page editorial review-



—Signal Corps Photo

TROOPS of the 7th Armored Division advance on a snow-covered road from Hunnings to St. Vith, Belgium.

## Nazi Surrenders So Thick 44th Takes 'Em in Rotation

WITH THE 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION OF THE 7TH ARMY IN FRANCE.—The German soldier had deserted, and after three days of soul-searching in the town on the 44th Division front, he decided to give up.

So he walked into the office of the local gendarmes, announced himself and his desire.

"I'm sorry," the official on duty

said brusquely, "but we don't accept surrenders here. When you people want to surrender, you've got to learn to go to the right place."

The chastened deserter was directed to proceed to the 44th Division CP. He made the trip alone, patiently awaited his turn in line, and then stated his mission. The HQ obligingly captured him.

## Five Nazis Must Die for Killing Fellow Prisoner

NEW YORK.—A court-martial sentence of death has been imposed on five German war prisoners found guilty of beating and killing a fellow Nazi whom they discovered gave valuable military information to the United States.

The killers proudly admitted the slaying at the court trial because they considered the information given by Cpl. Johann Kunze had been of great value to the Allies in the bombing of Hamburg. The court was seated in January, 1944. The quintet is now awaiting execution of the sentence in a federal penitentiary.

The slaying took place at Camp Tonkawa, Okla., Nov. 5, 1943. Under the articles of war the court had no choice but to impose the supreme penalty.

It was also reported that Eric Gaus and Rudolph Straub, German prisoners, have been convicted of killing near Camp Gordon, Ga., of Cpl. Horst Gunther, who had been denounced as a traitor.

## Death Verdict Out; GI Given Life Term

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—Death penalty sentence imposed on Pvt. Henry Weber, 27, for refusing to obey his officers' orders to drill has been rescinded and a sentence of life imprisonment at hard labor substituted.

The change was made by a general court-martial which was ordered to reconsider the original sentence by the commanding general having jurisdiction over the camp's courts-martial.

Weber said that he did not think it was right to kill other people and that Army officials had refused his plea for transfer to noncombatant duty.

## Men of 5th Division, First Overseas, Get Break on Furloughs

WITH THE AMERICAN 3D ARMY, in France.—First opportunities for 3d Army 30-day furloughs to the United States will go to the 5th Division, first American division to go overseas. Schedules called for departures Feb. 7 and 13.

When furloughs were initially introduced, the newcomer divisions received the same quotas as veteran outfits. This has been changed. The 5th landed in Iceland Sept. 5, 1941, went to England, Ireland and Normandy.

THROUGH production shifts on war materials the War Department has saved the country \$13,617,862,000.

## New Soldier Show Technique Gives Fun With Information

SIOUX FALLS FIELD, S. D.—A laugh-a-minute demonstration of soldier show technique was presented last week at the Training Command Radio School here, as a team of officers and enlisted men from the 7th Service Command passed on some valuable "know-how" to assembled Special Service representatives from the Post and from four other Army installations in the state.

The show was designed to present information on impromptu staging, direction, costuming and make-up. It was typical of similar units now touring service commands all over the country.

Demonstrating make-up procedure, the team took three "victims" from the audience to submit to having the lines of their face altered drastically. Handy hints on costumery with the aid of glue and a few yards of crepe paper brought out the fact that it doesn't take money and equipment to stage a presentable GI show.

Various phases of directing and staging, radio, quiz, minstrel, musical and variety shows were also discussed and demonstrated before an amused audience.

To climax the day's schedule, the team presented excerpts from the "Army, Play by Play," series. They also explained a new technique called "central staging," which does away with the need for a legitimate stage entirely.

These ideas and many others

were designed for use in advanced field areas where such things as scenery, electricity and costumes are unheard of. Impromptu skits and routines may be presented anywhere, and the team, all of whom have had wide civilian careers in professional entertainment showed that such programs could rank high in audience appeal.

### Kids Put to Work

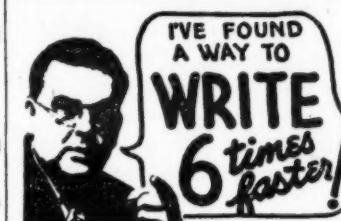
WASHINGTON.—School children between the ages of 12 and 14 have been ordered by decree to work in German post offices as mail, telephone and telegraph aides, according to an article in the Nazi party newspaper Voelkischer Beobachter, reported to the Office of War Information.

## Congress Still Battling Over Wallace Nomination

WASHINGTON.—Congress continued to battle this week over the nomination of Henry A. Wallace as Secretary of Commerce and the eventual fate of the former vice-president remained undecided pending House action on the George bill separating federal loan agencies from the Commerce Department.

The House Banking Committee unanimously approved the Senate-

and some Southern Democrats planned a floor fight over possible amendments that will determine the final action on confirmation of Wallace as Secretary of Commerce. Meanwhile, another similar fight began before the Senate Agriculture Committee over President Roosevelt's nomination of Aubrey Williams, former NYA head, as Rural Electrification Administrator.



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## Two Ambassadors Among 10 Given Typhus Medal

WASHINGTON.—In recognition of their "exceptionally meritorious service" in the control of typhus, two American Ambassadors, five Army officers and three Navy officers have been awarded the United States of America Typhus Commission Medal, the War Department announced last week. The awards were made by the War Department by the direction of the President.

Recipients of the awards include: The Honorable Alexander Comstock Kirk, United States Ambassador to Italy.

The Honorable Laurence A. Steinhardt, United States Ambassador to Turkey.

Capt. Thomas J. Carter, Medical Corps, U.S.N., Chief, Preventive Medicine Division, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department, whose home address is 2910 N. 24th Street, Arlington, Va.

Col. Harry Poltz, Medical Corps, A.U.S., 671 E. 17th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Capt. Byron L. Bennett, Sanitary Corps, A.U.S., 14 Autumn Street, Boston, Mass.

## Quits Service to Become Prosecutor

NEW YORK.—William O'Dwyer, famed prosecutor of Murder, Inc., has returned to his old post as prosecuting attorney for Brooklyn after two and a half years in the Army.

He entered the service as a major, rose to the rank of brigadier general.

O'Dwyer denied entertaining any aspirations for a bigger political job, said the tasks before him were chiefly to keep the yeggs off the streets of Brooklyn and to eradicate the causes of juvenile crime.



—Signal Corps Photo

COMBAT engineers of the 102nd Division, Ninth Army, take a ride in a captured German vehicle in Baesweiler, Germany. The driver is Cpl. Henry L. Banas, of Chicopee Falls, Mass. The others are Sgt. John T. Lewis (left), of Ottawa, Ill., and Pvt. Everett G. Turk, of Birmingham, Ala.

## 13th Is Moving Day for Artillery Unit

WITH THE U. S. FORCES, France.—Along about the 11th or 12th of each month, the men of Field Artillery Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Gerald D. Shepherd, of Oklahoma City, just automatically begin packing their duffle bags and equipment to move. They have learned through experience, both in Europe and back in the United States, that as sure as the 13th of the month rolls around, they will be going somewhere.

It all started back at the port of embarkation last summer. The men pulled in there from Camp Gordon, where the battalion was organized, on June 13. One month to the day later they were walking off the boat in England.

Came the 13th of August, and the men were wading ashore in Normandy and gaining fast on the war which was still up ahead somewhere. By Sept. 13, they were on the edge of the fighting and crossing the Moselle River. As the front became static, the Army stopped and obliged on Nov. 13 by ordering the unit transferred from one sector of the front to another.

On Dec. 13, Colonel Shepherd, with 12 other officers, had moved

ahead of the infantry and found themselves in a town that was still undergoing shelling from American artillery. They moved into a German pillbox, with 30 Germans whom they made prisoners.

## Armed Forces Will Retain Present Discharge Button

WASHINGTON.—Representatives of the Army, Navy and Veterans Administration, following a thorough study, have decided to retain the present design of the discharge button which is given all honorably discharged veterans of the present war, it was announced Tuesday by the War Department.

Originally designed as a lapel button to be worn on the coat, it is now also available with a pin-back.

The veteran is issued his button free of charge upon his discharge. If the button is lost or destroyed, another may be obtained at cost (seven cents) by the veteran on

### Medal to Rescuer

PANAMA CANAL DEPARTMENT.—For saving the life of a drowning sailor at the risk of his own, Cpl. William Lueder, of Chicago Heights, Ill., has been presented the Soldier's Medal by Brig. Gen. O. L. Spiller, Commanding General of the Panama Coast Artillery Command.

presentation of his discharge papers to the Quartermaster Supply Officer at the nearest post, camp or station.

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## AWOL Since Aug., 1943, Never Strayed from Camp Stewart

ATLANTA.—The fantastic story of a GI who went AWOL in August, 1943, and lived for 15 months under the service club of his camp—a stone's throw from an endless parade of officers and MPs—is now out.

Not till fire destroyed the building at Camp Stewart, Ga., did the whereabouts of the Joe become known.

He is now under treatment at an unnamed regional hospital while a military board determines his mental and physical fitness. The bizarre hideout began fol-

lowing a service club dance, said the Army's 4th Service Command. Pvt. Henry Bemkowsky, Beaver Falls, Pa., holed in.

He claimed he bought food in the club, but this has not been confirmed. He had obtained a change of clothing and had shaved several times—although his hair had not been cut.

## Civil War Veteran, 96, Wants to Live to See War's End

TOGUS, Me. — "I'd like to live long enough to see the end of another war being fought to end slavery everywhere for all time."

Such was the expressed wish of George H. Jones, former national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, on his 96th birthday. He is one of Maine's six remaining Civil War vets.

The end of the war with Germany will come this year, he predicted. But of the Japanese conflict, he wouldn't guess. Said he, "Those damned critters aren't human."

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# Baseball Asks Government O. K.

## Hot-Seven Steaming for U. S. Quint Title

WASHINGTON.—Seven major basketball quints scorched the hoops with a parade of counters to lead the national race for the mythical championship.

The race was as hot as the barrel of a chattering .50-caliber machine gun despite the scandal surrounding the Brooklyn College five that threatened to soil the whole intercollegiate picture.

The commanders as they shape up now: DePaul, Iowa, Ohio State, St. John's of Brooklyn, Temple and Army and Navy.

### Hot Team at Belvoir

Also a great team is the Fort Belvoir Engineers. It slapped the previously unbeaten Bolling Field Flyers, 42-31, for its eighth straight and the halfway crown in the District of Columbia Recreation Department Service League.

Army and Navy maintained their dizzy pace. They were the only ma-

for undefeated teams. The Cadets inched out a 44-to-43 win over Yale for their eighth straight and 24th in a row over a three-year stretch.

The Sailors sunk Columbia, their seventh consecutive victim, 51 to 44. Rensselaer, with 10 wins, is the only other with an unblemished record.

### DePaul Takes Two

DePaul strengthened its bid by larruping Notre Dame and Purdue for 16 triumphs in 17 starts. St. John's added a couple for a 13-to-1 standing. Temple stayed near the top by virtue of a 54-44 walloping of West Virginia. Ohio State and Iowa were deadlocked in the Big Ten.

Great Lakes got a surprise plastering from Valparaiso.

In the Eastern Intercollegiate League, Pennsylvania was showing its heels to the crowd, clinching at least a tie for the title with a 52-50 win over Cornell. The Quakers have won four out of five, have one game left.

Iowa blasted Michigan, 50-37, and Ohio State smacked Wisconsin, 40-36. Each has won five of six. Illinois is still a contender.

### Three Are Undefeated

South Carolina, Duke and Richmond are undefeated in the Southern Conference. The Carolina lads have six scalps on their belts; the Blue Devils, five, and Richmond, two. Citadel enjoys 5-1; North Carolina, 8-3.

Rice firmed its clasp on first place in the Southwestern Conference with wins over Texas and Baylor to give 8 in 8. Southern Methodist stands 6-2.

In the Southeastern Conference, Tennessee kept its escutcheon untarnished by trouncing Mississippi State 44-27, and Georgia, 42-26, for six straight. Kentucky and Tulane have 3-1.

Kansas and Oklahoma were locked in the top berth in the Big Six. Missouri, Iowa State and Kansas State were nipping at the leaders' heels.

Colorado U, with five wins, and Utah, with four, pace the Big Seven.

Despite a split in a two-game series with Washington, Oregon kept at the top of the heap in the northern division of the Pacific Coast Conference. It stands 8-3, and is followed by Oregon State, 6-5, and Washington and Washington State, 5-5.

California toppled Southern California from the southern division perch of the Pacific Coast Conference, 50-34. UCLA is in the driver's seat.

## 10 Top Bowling Teams Battling for West Title

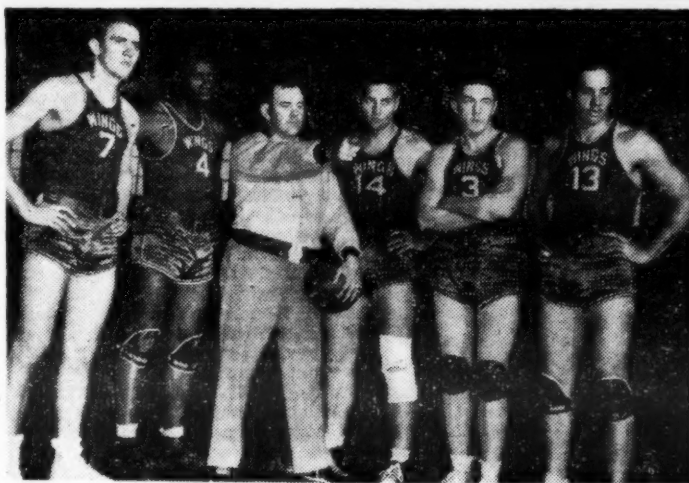
FORT DOUGLAS, Utah.—Selection of the Army's 10 top bowling teams in the West to compete in the 9th Service Command tournament finals has been officially made by the special service division at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Finalists were selected as a result of intramural competition conducted under the supervision of athletic and recreation officers at posts, camps and stations.

Here are the 10 top teams, and the order in which they finished:

Fort Lewis, Wash.; Douglas Field, Ariz.; Fort Missoula, Mont.; Fort Lawton, Wash.; Camp Stoneman, Calif.; Santa Ana Field, Calif.; Navajo Ordnance, Ariz. Team No. 2, Kingman Field, Ariz.; Camp McQuade, Calif., and Teac No. 1, Kingman Field, Ariz.

The championship crown will be awarded the team with the highest aggregate score for nine games rolled before Feb. 17.



—Signal Corps Photo

21 WINS IN 22 GAMES is the fast pace set by the LAAF Wings at Lincoln Field, Neb., and this placed them as the seventh ranking service team in the nation in the Dunkel Basketball Ratings and number one among the Army aggregations. With coach Capt. Stan Hall are shown members of the starting team (left to right) Ray Lumpp, Goose Tatum, Eddie Ehlers, Jake Ahearn, team captain, and Vic Throff.

## GIs in Hawaii Hot for Sports, Asserts Dobbs

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—Glenn Dobbs, All-American, who knows an enthusiastic sports crowd when he sees one, has some ideas on the controversial subject of whether soldiers and sailors overseas are interested in sports or whether they consider them a wartime nonessential.

Lieutenant Dobbs, along with Lt. John Harrington, former Marquette end, and Lt. Billy Sewell, a half-back late of Washington State, just has returned to headquarters of the 2nd Air Force after a trip to the Hawaiian Islands, where the trio played football with the Army Air Forces All-Stars.

"The interest and enthusiasm of service men at games we played," said Dobbs, "proved that they are hungry for sports. They want to see competition in the flesh, and not only talk or hear about sports."

One game in which the three stars of last fall's Superbombers appeared was at Furlong Field, Hawaii. It has a seating capacity of 21,000—but 30,000 persons had crowded the plant.

"Soldiers and sailors started lining up at 8 a.m. for our 3 o'clock

game," Harrington said. "By 11 o'clock the field was jammed."

"GIs had priority, but they were not the only ones interested. A group of some 250, who couldn't get inside, stood outside and listened over the loudspeaker."

Sewell chimed in to say that "soldiers even packed the gym to see basketball and boxing."

## Byron Nelson Continues to Reap Mazuma

CORPUS CHRISTIE, Tex.—Byron Nelson, continuing the hot pace that has made him a big money winner of the winter season, scored a sizzling 264 to capture the Corpus Christi Open Golf tournament and \$1000 in war bonds.

Lord Nelson beat off the threat of Harold Jug McSpaden, who scorched the fairways with a torrid 63 in the next to last round. Jug was unable to continue the pace, however, and was four above Nelson on the checkerboard flag.

The 63 count tied the competitive course record. Nelson's score for the 72 holes tied the PGA record, but it will not be considered as the course is under 6000 yards.

The tourney was the third to be won by Nelson on the winter circuit. He tied for second money in two others.

## Camp Ellis-Granite City Games Canceled

CAMP ELLIS, Ill.—Two basketball games with the Granite City (Ill.), Engineer Depot, one of which was to be played here last Saturday night, have been canceled, it was announced by Lt. Joseph E. Petrakovic, camp athletic and recreation officer. The second of the home-and-home series erased from the schedule was slated for Granite City Feb. 16.

## Sande Given \$10,000 in Col. Howard Will

DAYTON, O.—Earl Sande, former jockey and trainer of the late Col. H. Maxwell Howard's stable, received \$10,000 in Mr. Howard's will.

Mr. Howard, who died Dec. 31, requested that his stable and its equipment be sold, with Sande to receive an amount not to exceed 20 per cent of the proceeds for disposing of them.

## Harridge and Frick to Ask 'Green Light'

WASHINGTON.—Although confident they can rustle sufficient run-of-the-mill players to stock the 16 teams of the American and National leagues for the 1945 season, moguls of the two majors, however, will ask for a Government "green light."

And this time, it's not to be a wave of the good-will lantern such as was swung by President Roosevelt. The owners want the okay to come from such official personages as War Manpower Chief Paul V. McNutt and War Mobilization Director James Byrnes.

At their meeting in New York, heads of the two leagues named Ford Frick and Will Harridge, presidents of the National and American leagues, respectively, to confer with the Government officials regarding the game's problems. They are to inquire if the Government considers baseball sufficiently essential as a morale builder to have enough players siphoned to it so it can operate under work or jail legislation. It will be on the morale angle that baseball will seek to "establish a priority of essentiality."

While the magnates went on record for a 154-game season, with the schedule starting about April 19 and closing in mid-September, future of the game will depend entirely on the verdict given Frick and Harridge by McNutt and Byrnes.

Information to be presented to Government officials will include the fact that 5400 of 5800 pre-Pearl Harbor players are now in uniform; that baseball never has asked for deferments for ball players, and that 4,500,000 men in uniform have been admitted free to ball games. It also will be pointed out that ball parks throughout the country have been available at all times for benefit games and all relief programs and that many millions of dollars have accrued to service organizations therefrom.

Alarmed by the "basketball scandal" and fearful that closing of race tracks will bring an influx of gambling element to baseball, the magnates decided to take all possible drastic steps to keep the "money boys" from plying their trade at the ball parks. In addition to tightened policing, it was decided to abolish the practice of making overnight announcements as to batteries. Pitching assignments are highly important to pro-gamblers in making books and to bettors in placing their wagers, and the announcement-ban is expected to play havoc with the gambling angle.

Frank Shaughnessy, president of the International league, announced Saturday that his club managers had been instructed not to give out any advance information on their pitching selections hereafter. Outsiders will not know who is going to pitch until the man chosen by his manager begins to warm up. The International policy is the procedure that will be followed in the majors.

Selection of a commissioner of baseball, to succeed the late Judge Kenesaw Landis, is expected to come within a week.

Latest to come into prominent mention as candidate for the \$50,000-per-year baseball commissionership is J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

## Fort Story Prepping for Baseball Season Which Opens Apr. 14

FORT STORY, Va.—The Fort Story Settlers baseball club will usher in its 1945 campaign on Saturday, April 14, facing the Lynchburg Cardinals of the Piedmont League in a night game at the latter's ball orchard, according to Dick Bomar, playing-manager of the soldier nine.

## Keesler Now Planning for Summer Play

KEESLER FIELD, Miss.—While athletic departments of Northern military installations are still very busy with the winter season and the coming spring thaw, Keesler Field's sports administrators are now starting work on summer activity, which isn't too far distant for the AAF Training Command station on the Gulf Coast.

Two more members of the Gulf Coast Service League will be added to the present six-team loop for softball, baseball, boxing and tennis competition. Softball under the arcs will be at Keesler this summer for the post with the planned installation of a lighting system, and six games per night are being planned for intrapost leagues.

The post baseball team, wearing the uniforms of the St. Louis Browns, will play each Sunday afternoon at Keesler, two lighted tennis courts will be built, and seating for 10,000 spectators at the weekly boxing shows is also planned.

## Title Battle Excites Wacs

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Italy.—The gym is a couple of nissen huts put together by Special Service Engineers but it boasts a good floor. The seating capacity isn't more than a hundred, but it's always filled when Wac teams, representing companies from a Wac battalion in Italy, take the floor.

Five companies of the battalion have basketball teams, uniformed in the shorts and blouses of the company colors and bearing in large letters the name of the team, now engaged in playing a schedule of evening games to determine the champion of the battalion. Following the regular schedule, a tournament will be held to decide the regional championships and final games will find the cassaba-tossing lasses playing for the championship of the Mediterranean Theater.

A company of Postal and Motor Transport Wacs play under the banner of Mac Wacs—the name coming from their commanding officer, Capt. Margaret A. Maxwell, of Indianapolis, Ind.

### Dow Field Daddy

DOW FIELD, Me.—Oldest GI at Dow Field is T/Sgt. John Smith, 51, veteran of the Meuse-Argonne struggle in World War I and wearer of nine hitch stripes.





THE Red Cross carries cheer to American soldiers on battle fronts all over the world. Here one of the Red Cross girls dances with men of the 919th Field Artillery battalion during a lull in the firing near Tunting, France.

## Champ Says More Thrills in Ski-Jumping Than Bailing Out

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Parachute jumping offers only a momentary thrill; in ski jumping, the thrill is present all the way.

That's the opinion of national ski champion, Lt. Arthur D. Devlin, of Lake Placid, N. Y., who has reported to the AAF Redistribution Station No. 1 for reassignment.

The compact, 22-year-old ski jumper, regarded as the greatest exponent of the winter sport ever developed in the United States, is a veteran of 50 missions on a B-24 bomber in Italy. He holds the Purple Heart with cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three clusters.

He got his chance to draw a comparison between silk and wood high altitude leaps after a mission over Munich. His B-24 had had its rudders shot out by flak. Returning to base, the pilot ordered all crew members except his co-pilot and

engineer to bail out before he made a crash landing. The bomber was 15,000 feet up.

"I got a real thrill out of clearing the plane before the chute opened up," said Lieutenant Devlin. "But I didn't feel the element of excitement that comes with competitive jumping from start to finish. Of course," he added, "I could be prejudiced."

Lieutenant Devlin hopes he will be a pilot in his next overseas tour of duty. He feels that few endeavors are as closely interrelated as skiing and piloting. Both depend largely on a coordination, split-second timing and quick thinking.

"There is a colonel in the Royal Norwegian Air Force," he said, "who insists that all his pilots practice ski jumps. His name, I believe, is Colonel Reastat, and he contends that ski jumping can increase a pilot's skill."

## Natives In Marshalls Might Solve Player-Shortage Woes

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.—Joe Cambria, whose forte is the signing of Cubans for Washington and other scouts of the two major leagues, might profitably turn their ivory hunting to the Marshalls, sign up scads of natives and solve their player shortage for war's duration.

Up to nine months ago these natives knew nothing of baseball and softball. Navy men, who live with them and act as supervisors, provided gloves, balls and other equipment and organized two teams. Natives have taken to both baseball and softball like ducks to water.

Playing every night after hours, they've developed such ability that they've beaten all teams to date. The natives are particularly proficient at softball. Recently they trounced the 4th Marine Air Wing Division by 24-2. The Marines received the surprise of their lives as the native team took the field and snapped the ball around like a group of professionals.

Characteristic infield chatter, such as "easy man" and "get hot," mixed with chatter in their own Marshallese language, drew expressions of awe from Leathernecks.

But they were in for an even greater surprise when a slow, medium-built, easy-going native took the mound and began throwing a blazing fast ball and an occasional curve.

No complete box score of the game was kept, but final estimates were that at least 10 Leathernecks

were strike-out victims and only five got clean base hits. Several drives into deep center field seemed like certain extra-base hits. But Marines failed to reckon with the native center fielder, who, standing in water up to his knees, would start swimming at the crack of the bat, turn and make the catch. Drives into the ocean were two-base hits, but the runner had to make his base.

Due to soft underfooting no one wore shoes. The natives, accustomed to running in soft coral, had no trouble generating speed. But many Marines fell on their way to first base and were easy putouts.

A particular pleasure to the natives was to trap a runner between bases. When this would happen not one or two, but all nine members of the native team would rush over to aid in the putout, while native spectators would shout their approval. But the greatest ovation came when a line drive struck a native squarely on the top of the head, bounced high into the air, and finally was caught by the same fellow.

### KP Breaks Ordered

SELMAN FIELD, La.—Thirty-minute morning and afternoon breaks for KPs have been ordered by the post food supervisor. Tour is seven consecutive 13-hour days. Some sections are drawing mess details once a month.

## CBI Theater Gets New Deputy Chief

CBI THEATER.—Lt. Col. A. J. Hefstreet, Jr., has been appointed acting deputy chief of staff under Brig. Gen. James W. Spry, Chief of Staff with the India-Burma Air Service Command.

Lt. Col. E. P. Wilson has been made acting chief of the Personnel and Training Division in the TD absence of Col. Tracy E. Davis.

## SPORTS CHAT

SCOTT FIELD, Ill.—The loss of an outstanding star on an athletic team can sometimes prove catastrophic, but apparently it did not affect the Scott Field, Ill., Flyers basketball team, coached by Capt. Connie Hoehn. When nationally known Cpl. Dwight Eddleman, former ace basketballer of the Centralia, Ill., high school quintet and later with Illinois university, was transferred from Scott Field to Patterson Field, O., the fortunes of Coach Hoehn's Flyers seemed doomed. They had won seven games in a row with the corporal, but their chances of future successes were lessened indeed when he shoved off. At the present time the Flyers possess a record of 17 victories and one defeat for the campaign, 10 of the triumphs and the lone setback coming after the loss of their outstanding performer.

INDIANTOWN G.A.P., Pa.—Booked against some exceptionally tough teams, the Military Reservation basketball outfit has come through with a record of which its followers are proud. Of its 17 games, 15 were wins.

HARVARD FIELD, Neb.—"Iron Men" is the title bestowed on Section C basketballers for playing two regulation games in the same evening and winning both, 29-14 and 37-35. The first contest was a regularly scheduled intramural league tilt which was won by the "Iron Men." Leaving the floor and just about ready to go home, a team from the Grand Island, Neb., Army Air Field arrived at the gym for a game, which was thought to have been previously cancelled.

Undaunted, the Section C quintet decided to take them on, so, back to the cage warfare they went, winning 37-25.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—The Welch Convalescent Hospital Phys-Ed cagers won three games within a week and in such instance the Daytonians rallied in the final period to defeat Orlando

## Bruce Jones Predicts Big Grid Crowds

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—"Sports are going to hit a new high when the war is over," claims Maj. Robert (Bruce) Jones, former All-American guard and professional grid star with the Green Bay Packers and the Brooklyn Dodgers, of Jasper, Ala.

"As a matter of fact, I can even go farther, I think, and say that football crowds are going to break all attendance records in the post-war era."

Drawing from his observations overseas and in the United States, Major Jones tells of seeing soldiers—men standing by their equipment waiting to move to the front—tossing their helmets to each other, yelling at the top of their lungs... "Catch a pass!"

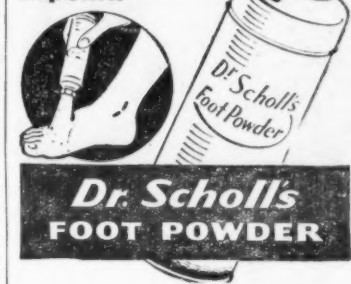
"Those lads never miss an opportunity to participate in a game," he adds. "In North Africa rest camps meant places where these GIs could sock a baseball around, or kick a football, or just play catch with a softball without being bothered by Nazi shells and snipers."

Questioned as to his personal "greats," the vet claimed his all-time back would be Dutch Clark, Bronc Nagurski or Cliff Battles; his lineman would be either Turk Edwards or Cal Hubbard.

"Yep, I don't think there's any question when it comes to sports after the war," he said. "Those guys over there are just waiting and dreaming of the days when they can sit in the bleachers and eat hot dogs and yell their heads off again."

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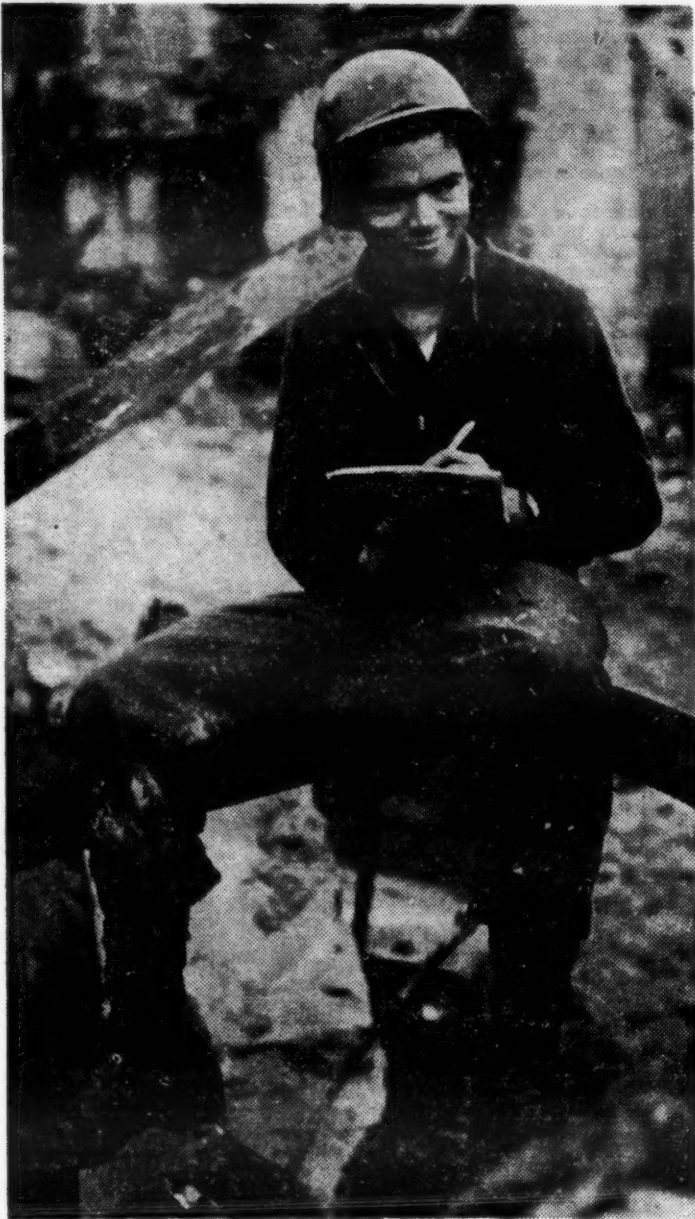


## Clare Luce Says Mauldin GIs' 'Great Interpreter'

NEW YORK.—Bill Mauldin, GI caricaturist, whose cartoons have been a regular feature of ARMY TIMES for the past three years, has been named by Rep. Clare Boothe Luce, of Connecticut, as a "great

ed at home so that people can't even clip that caricature and send it back to the boy saying, 'Dear, when I saw this caricature, I knew more about you in Italy.'

"Incidentally, each one of those



—Photo Courtesy Life Magazine

LIFE last week published a five-page article on Bill Mauldin which included reproduction of a number of cartoons which have gained fame for the young GI caricaturist. The article carried the above photograph of Mauldin, with the caption: "He Follows the Front in a Jeep, Sketches Actual Situations, Dreams Up Gags Later."

interpreter" of the heroic 5th Army in Italy.

Speaking at a meeting of the New York State Publishers' Association, Mrs. Luce, who returned recently from Italy, highly praised the "dog-faces" of the 5th Army, Mauldin and Ernie Pyle, the columnist.

"The Italian front to some extent brought Ernie Pyle into his greatest popularity with the public," Mrs. Luce said. "I think, myself, the gravest press shortage of this war is a shortage of Ernie Pyles. Ernie Pyle, typical, is no longer on that front."

### Great Interpreter

"That Front, the 5th Italian Army Front, produced another great interpreter of that Front and of the heroic dogface out there. That man is called Mauldin. Mauldin is a 23-year-old boy, who has done caricatures which are being carried, I believe, by 95 newspapers called, 'Up Front With Mauldin' and these caricatures which show generally colloquies between two ironic, bitter, humorous, human, frustrated, infinitely determined dogfaces with a three-inch beard, are now being printed in American newspapers simply under the title of 'Up Front With Mauldin.'

"That theater is being denied even the great compliment of having 'Up Front With Mauldin' print-

cartoons is, in itself, a tremendous essay of the life of the infantrymen on that Front. Some of them are astonishingly accurate political cartoons. I want to tell you about just one.

"The last one I saw published before I left Italy showed a picture of two exhausted GIs sound asleep with their rifles over their knees and their usual growth of beard, lying in bed, a bed that they had snatched, so to speak, from an elderly Italian and his wife. All four were lying in bed together and around them the walls of the house had just been bombed away and smoke and fire was in the background. The Italian wife was poking her stunned husband saying, 'Wake up, Antonio, we've just been liberated.'

"Mauldin is the darling of the 5th Army, the man who gave them a feeling that they had found their great artist, some one who made up a little for the fact that Ernie Pyle had been taken away."

### Plaque to Hospital

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy. —The 24th General Hospital, created in New Orleans, by Tulane University School of Medicine, recently was awarded the Fifth Army Plaque and Clasp for exceptionally meritorious performance of duty in the Italian war theater.

## UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"That's funny. He's gonna pick us up an' there ain't no newspaper reporters around."

### Reserved Room

WITH THE 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION.—Add this to the lightning strikes twice in the same spot department.

When the 3d Battalion of the — Infantry hit the Normandy beach on D plus 1, Capt. Holland W. Hankel, Pendleton, Ore., commanding Company M, dug a good slit trench for his first night's sleep on French soil.

Wounded in action, he was evacuated to a hospital in England, and months later when he was on his way back to rejoin his unit, then in Germany, slept in the same slit trench he dug on June 7.

## Soldiers Book-Hungry, Asserts Library Chief

WASHINGTON.—A tremendous upsurge in the desire of American fighting men to read books has taken place within the past year, the Council on Books in Wartime was told by Lt. Col. Ray L. Trautman, chief of the Library Section of the Special Services Division, Army Service Forces, who just returned from a tour of the European fronts.

Speaking at the Council's third annual luncheon meeting at the Ambassador Hotel, Colonel Trautman revealed that although the Army has increased the output of Armed Services Editions from 20

million to 50 millions a year in the past 12 months, there still are not enough books to go around.

The Armed Services editions are paper-bound books of best sellers, popular classics, and subjects of general interest which are distributed overseas and to domestic hospitals without charge. The books are published by Editions for the Armed Services, Inc., a non-profit organization established by the Council on Books in Wartime, a voluntary group of book publishers, librarians and booksellers. More than 500 titles have already been published since the first issue in September, 1943.

Colonel Trautman, whose tour took him to England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, said the fighting man's interest in reading books—"any kind of book"—has reached the pitch where they are willing to pay another soldier just for the privilege of being next in line to read his book. It is not unusual for a man reading a book to tear off the pages he has read for somebody else to read.

## Wacs Need 8000 for Service in Hospitals

WASHINGTON.—The Army's recruiting campaign for personnel to form new urgently needed Women's Army Corps medical units in the general hospitals is under way, the War Department announces.

Governors of the 48 States and the commissioners of the District of Columbia have pledged their assistance in the recruiting drive. They responded to an appeal from General of the Army George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, outlining the critical need for hospital personnel and asking for their co-operation in the recruitment campaign.

The ultimate recruiting goal is 8000, but a total of 6170 women will be needed by May 1. The latter group, with a cadre or nucleus formed from Wacs already working in the hospitals or in training, will make up the 103 Wac medical units for assignment to the Army's general hospitals where the wounded are received. The May 1 goal was set in order to have the units all trained and functioning by mid-summer. In addition to those serving in the units, Wacs will be recruited for general assignment to any of the Army's hospitals, wherever they are most needed.

As each platoon is formed, it will be sent to the WAC Training Center at Fort Oglethorpe to begin basic military training. Following this course and six weeks of study

at an Army Medical Department enlisted technician school, the platoon will be ready for assignment to a hospital.



—Signal Corps Photo

IRVING BERLIN, famed song writer, on tour of the SWPA, plays one of his well-known melodies at the Wac mess hall at USAFFE headquarters, at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea.

## Japan Wants More Laughs On Its Radio

WASHINGTON.—The Tokyo newspaper Asahi, rushing to the defense of the little pleasures of life even under wartime conditions, has called on the Japan Broadcasting Corporation to be more "amusing" and warned against any move to separate the Japanese from his daily bath because of the fuel shortage, the Domei agency disclosed.

Domei, in a Romanized Japanese wireless dispatch recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, said the Asahi had urged Tokyo radio officials to think up "some original ideas" to lighten their appeals for more production with a little humor.

"It can be said of the radio," the newspaper asserted, "that the people are tired of listening to sermons and preachings."

## One for Economists

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The \$64 question, in so far as the Kansas City Star newspaper is concerned, is this query it got from a woman:

"Is it true that anyone over 6 feet tall doesn't have to pay taxes?"

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THE NEW BURMA ROAD to carry in supplies for the war against the Japs in China is being surveyed across abandoned rice paddies to find easy elevations through the mountains, where possible, by American Army engineers.

## Lone Machine Gunner Holds Off 100 Attacking Krauts; Kills 30

WITH THE 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION OF THE 7TH ARMY, France.—He was only a private but the lone machine gunner stopped a whole company of Krauts.

On a hazy, misty morning, Pfc. John B. "Long John" Silva, Brooklyn, N. Y., saw about 100 Germans approaching his position in a badly shelled building. He "just waited there, patiently," said a buddy, and allowed the first wave to get an easy stone's throw away before opening fire.

The 15th Infantryman's first bursts drove them into the irrigation ditches around the house. For the next two hours they "used every trick in the book to knock him out."

They sometimes dashed forward in suicidal attempts to throw potato mashers through the windows and some even got into the house. These were picked off by Silva's rifle support of half a dozen men.

Finally tiring of these fruitless attempts, the Germans brought up a Mark VI tank within a hundred yards of him. The tank hit a mine, knocking off a track and prohibiting any further advance. The building was already badly damaged and rocked under the impact of the first shell.

When the seventh shell hit, the building "simply flattened," as one man put it. That shell, the deluge of lumber, masonry and rubble, killed two men and wounded four.

The Krauts charged when the building collapsed but at the same time the New Yorker had somehow come through. He crawled out of the debris, bleeding and bruised, wiped off the gun and set it up in

another position to fire again.

Half of his rifle support and all of his crew was knocked out but he continued to man his weapon until all of his ammo was exhausted. He then resorted to his carbine until dusk, when new supplies could be brought up.

In the continuous fire fight which lasted 13 hours, Silva killed 30 Krauts and wounded an unknown number. Enemy corpses were literally piled around his gun positions.

Silva formerly attended the Boys' High School for Specialty Trades in Brooklyn and later was employed by the Todd Erie Basin Shipyards on Dwight Street, Brooklyn.

His wife, Eleanor, and two children, Carolyn Joyce, 4, and Sharon Ann, 6 months, live in Brooklyn.

Silva was inducted April 7, 1943.

## First Back to Bradley

PARIS. — Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley is back in the saddle of commanding the U. S. 1st Army.

The 1st was transferred to the Command of Field Marshal Montgomery when the Germans broke through in the Ardennes.

However, the 1st was given back to Bradley, Supreme Headquarters revealed, as soon as it linked up with Patton's 3rd in the battle.

The delayed disclosure came at the same time as a war review called the Ardennes offensive a "complete defeat" for the enemy.

No mention was made of the 9th Army, which together with the 1st and 3rd, comprised Bradley's 12th Army Group.

He took his basic training in the 66th Division at Camp Blanding, Fla. He was sent to Camp Joseph Robinson, but after a short time there he was sent as a replacement to the 3rd Division, then fighting near Cassino.

The former shipyard worker has four campaign stars on his European Theater ribbon and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. For wounds received at Anzio and in southern France he holds the Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster.

## Chaplain And Aide Stage Dramatic Escape in Jeep

WITH THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION.—A dramatic story of escape from German tanks and foot troops was told by a chaplain's assistant here today as he rested before his return to the front for duty with the 101st Airborne Division, the sky outfit besieged in Bastogne by Von Rundstedt's troops. He is Cpl. George E. Powers, of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Corporal Powers and the chaplain, Lt. Col. Louis R. Goodrich of San Antonio, Tex., were among forward elements rushed to the Bastogne area where German armor and infantry were making their breakthrough bid on Dec. 17, 1944. The two men stationed themselves in the medical field hospital area to administer to wounded soldiers who were brought in from the fighting lines.

Feeling a bit uneasy at the nearness of the German columns, Chaplain Goodrich had Corporal Powers move the jeep to a crossroads for a fast get-away if needed. The corporal did so and then moved into the jeep for the night.

Corporal Powers awoke upon hearing small arms fire in the area. The chaplain made his way to the vehicle and Corporal Powers asked about the commotion.

"The Germans are overrunning the hospital," Chaplain Goodrich answered. At that time both men heard the Germans shouting in the next field. "Start this thing and let's roll," instructed the chaplain.

"We drove the jeep down a slope," Powers related. "I was forced to drive without any lights and the road was narrow. We finally came upon an armed soldier standing guard near a bridge which a demolitions squad was getting ready to destroy. We went on into the foggy night, but lost our way and returned to the bridge area."

"They had just blown the thing. The demolitions lieutenant hopped into the jeep to lead us back. Another jeep rolled up behind us full of medics who were escaping from the area and they told us tanks were on the road to our rear. At

## Death Beats West Point Call to Front Line Joe

BELGIUM.—At regimental command post, a telegram was received. It read:

"Cpl. Blank holds a letter appointing him to the USMA (West Point) in 1945. . . . If found physically qualified . . . will be returned to the United States to undergo training."

A runner took the wire to a forward company with instructions to bring back the corporal, ready to start home.

It would be the end of freezing foxholes, enemy fire and the constant threat of death for the GI. But no gay corporal returned with the runner—only this laconic message: "Corporal Blank was killed in action at Trois Ponts, Belgium."

Death had outraced the message by five days.

## Colonel Taylor Ends Two Years Overseas Duty

WITH THE U. S. FORCES IN SOUTHERN FRANCE. — Col. John Thomas Taylor, public relations officer until recently with the Continental Advance Section in France, and former chief counsel for the American Legion in Washington, is returning to the United States after more than two years of foreign duty.

Called from his legal work in Washington by Maj. Gen. Arthur R. Wilson, CAS commander, Colonel Taylor joined a group of business executives, technicians and experts which the general assembled in the early autumn of 1942, to form the headquarters of the supply organization for the invasion of Africa.

During the last war, Colonel Taylor served in France as a captain in the Infantry. He was among the first troops to cross the Rhine into Germany, and served with the Army of Occupation for a period.

FINES imposed by the courts on draft dodgers since 1940 have aggregated \$1,006,682, in addition to the prison sentences meted out.

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94TH Division Infantrymen dash for cover, under enemy fire, through a shell-torn orchard outside Tittengen, Germany.

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**In this column the Entertainment Section of the Special Services Division contributes items on Soldier Shows which are in some way interesting or outstanding. Perhaps in these items you will find a suggestion which will be helpful to you in producing your show.**

**CAMP Lee, Va.**—The Field House is the scene of weekly GI amateur shows which are highlighted by several novel features. These talent contests are open to personnel of the First QM Training Group and to friends and relatives of said personnel. Thus is the monotony of olive drab relieved by frequent appearances of girls from nearby Petersburg and other spots within visiting distance of the post.

Auditions every Tuesday unearth loads of talent for each Wednesday night show. When his entrance music is struck up, each contestant is required to shuffle, truck, Suzy-Q, squirm, wiggle, pirouette, or prance onto the stage. Nobody ever just walks on, under penalty of being dragged right off again by a corporal in charge of "salvage and fumigation of unlucky contestants."

This zany character works like an eager beaver throughout the show. He heckles the contestants, gives them the "hook" when necessary, and gets loud laughs as he changes into a different and outlandish costume for his every appearance. Another novel feature of the show is the "Tree of Hope," a bit of prop foliage which every contestant rubs for good luck before going into his or her act. This "rabbit's foot with leaves" is a consistent laugh-getter.

Cash awards are handed out to the winners: \$10 for 1st, \$7 for 2nd, \$5 for 3rd, \$3 for 4th and lesser amounts for all other contestants. Another feature of the shows is the use of a different guest MC for each performance. By drawing upon the talent pools of various outfits for a new "spark plug" every week, the Leemans producing the shows continually keep new faces before their audiences. The net result of this and the other aforementioned novel twists is an overflow crowd in the huge Field House every Wednesday night.

ANTILLES.—"APO Zoot," a GI show produced by the ATC in the Antilles, owes much of its success to "publicity-in-reverse." Instead of telling all about the show long in advance of its opening, "Zoot's" exploiters—but let the show's press agent tell it in his own words:

He reports: "One of our main objectives was to keep the show a secret so that the element of surprise could be used to good effect. In this we were to a very large extent successful. About two weeks before opening night we brought out the first in a series of 'tease' posters, which were designed to arouse curiosity without giving anything away. Two days later it had disappeared, and another had taken its place. Sam (our artist) had sneaked out of his barracks in the middle of the night with hammer and nails and had rung the changes whilst everyone else was asleep."

**CAMP ELLIS, Ill.**—Lt. Col. Ralph H. Fouser, of Chicago, who recently completed almost a year and a half of Army survey in the Solomon Islands, has been named the new commanding officer of the station hospital here, replacing Col. Herman A. Jacobson, also of Chicago, who leaves for overseas, Col. John E. Sullivan, camp commander, announced.

A reserve officer with World War experience, Colonel Fouser served as chief of the general surgical service of an evacuation hospital in the New Hebrides Islands.

**CARLISLE, Pa.**—Carlisle Barracks has returned to the air after an absence of several months with a new series of broadcasts every Saturday afternoon over Radio Station WHP, Harrisburg.

**HEADQUARTERS 41ST DIVISION, Far Pacific.**—The latest Jap whimsy is harmonica-playing in combat. The tune-whining is used as a ruse to deceive Yank troops during phases of night jungle fighting.

By playing bars of ancient American barbershop-quartet ballads the Nips apparently pass signals and simultaneously attempt to

trick the Yanks into believing comrades occupy the positions from which the music emanates.

To veteran jungle-masters like the 41st Infantry Division the novelty merely serves to reveal the presence of enemy infiltrators. And if the Japs insist on entertaining, the men wish they would learn a few more modern tunes.

**By Sgt. R. Schuller, Camp Pinedale, Calif., Unit of 4th AAF**



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## The Mess Line

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Three men in a tub—  
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Soooo she said: "Sure, I like you  
Sergeant, but save your maneuvers  
for the Infantry."

Say it with flowers, say it with  
sweets,  
Say it with kisses, say it with eats,  
Say it with jewelry, say it with  
drink,  
But never, oh never, say it with ink!

Some daughters are finding it  
difficult to look as young as their  
mothers.

Hickory Dickory Dock,  
The mice ran up the clock—  
The clock struck one—  
A hell of a lot of mice have been  
killed that way.

Definition of a rhumba: The  
front of you goes smooth like a  
Cadillac while the back of you  
shakes like a jeep.

GI Joe is a funny lad  
Who raises hell when he gets mad;  
But he's the guy who stands  
between  
The things we love and Adolf's  
dream.

Before marriage a girl has to kiss  
her man to hold him — after  
marriage she has to reverse the  
procedure.

Liquor may be slow poison—but  
who's in a hurry?

Ashes to ashes,  
Dust to dust;  
If you don't like my sweater—  
Keep your hands off my sorority  
pin.

Give a woman an inch, and she  
thinks she's a ruler.

Lieutenant's dream:  
Twinkle, twinkle, little bar,  
How I wish you were a star.

Into Irvin Cobb's office came a  
man who was introduced as Mr.  
Hicks of Pottawatomie County,  
Kansas.

"Hicks, huh?" said Cobb. "Do you  
know what we do with Hicks here in  
N. Y. C.?"

"No," said Hicks, "I can't say that  
I do. But I know what we do with  
Cobbs out in Kansas."

Poor Joe says that since he has  
been in the Army he has written his  
girl every day. So what happens—  
she marries the mailman.

### QUIZ ANSWERS

(See "Army Quiz," page 8)

- B.
- C. Sections of the Siegfried line in the Black Forest of Western Germany are within 30 miles of the source of the Danube.
- C.
- Just once, at Teheran, in November, 1943. But besides this Churchill has conferred with Stalin three times, and with President Roosevelt eight times.
- Rumania, which signed an armistice with Russia on Aug. 23, 1944.
- B. The entire Philippine archipelago lies in a longitude west of the Japanese home islands.
- Stilwell Road, in honor of Gen. Joseph P. Stilwell, who did such outstanding work in organizing the Chinese to fight the Japs.
- A.
- A. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita.
- Field Marshal Gen. Albert Kesselring. C. Field Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt.
- Leyte, Oct. 20; Battle of Philippine Sea, Oct. 23-28; Samar, Oct. 25; Mindoro, Dec. 15.

AMERICAN aircraft have flown 13 million hours and consumed two billion gallons of high octane gasoline in military operations since Pearl Harbor.



WEATHER MAN should have warned Laraine Day that balmy breezes are to be expected in February, even in Hollywood.

## ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

Pfc. Wiley McCammon, of the Bombardier School at BIG SPRING, Tex., has his own solution for the problem of what to do with Hitler. "He should be banished to Elba, like Napoleon," he says. "Maybe there the guy who has been shouting for Lebensraum will find plenty of Elba-room."

Pvt. Joe Rozof, of FORT DIX, N. J., had planned to sneak off and get married. But his Christmas furlough didn't come through. Now he is afraid the wedding cake will be stale.

Twice discharged from the Army because he had flat feet, Cpl. Cloyce Herman Heegard, of Edmore, N. D., was given the Infantry Combat Badge at CAMP CROWDER, Mo., the other day for his fighting in the battles of the Anzio beachhead a year ago.

Mary, with the lamb that followed her all around, had nothing on Pat Cullen, camp stable sergeant at CAMP LEE, Va. Pat has a horse which follows him out of the stable, to his office, waits for him to come out and then goes back to the stable with him.

There is no difficulty in getting hotel accommodations of a kind in London, according to Lt. Thomas C. Valentine, Chester, Pa., who was a pilot with the 8th Air Force and is now at ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. "Whenever we went to London on leave," he said, at Redistribution Station No. 1, "buzz bombs solved the accommodation problem and we

were always able to get swell top-floor rooms."

The suggestion is made at BERGSTROM FIELD, Tex., that Pfc. James Dawley administered a dirty deal, in helping to shove S/Sgt. Henry Soukup off the icy Rec hall roof. The staff sergeant slid off the ridge and went down some 12 feet to light like a 500-pound bomb on his fanny. Dawley indignantly denies any participation, declaring: "All I did was draw up one of my legs when he grabbed at it. Hell, I'd of done the same thing to my wife."

When a hospital plane landed at KEESLER FIELD, Miss., the other day, so that the wounded men it carried could get some hot soup at the Red Cross canteen, one of the patients asked casually if the 3704th AAF base unit was stationed there. With the answer in the affirmative he said he thought he must have a brother kicking round somewhere. A hasty check found the brother, Pvt. Richard Burger, in one of mechanics' school branches. The brothers had not seen each other for a year and a half, and in the meantime, Wilbur had been in Italy and had received a bad leg injury.

The North-South picture seems to be a little confused these days at the GREENVILLE FIELD, Miss. Lt. Col. Jules Malley, deputy for

Administrations and Services, a launch Yank, has a Confederate flag hanging in his office, while Pvt. Frank Arnold, who proclaims himself a Johnny Reb, has a picture of Abraham Lincoln in a prominent place in his office.

Cpl. Raymond D. Ruggieri, of Kennett Square, Pa., now a Flying Fortress engineer gunner at ARDFORE FIELD, likes to tell how he took long shots at the ponies, and also one on love—and won on both. One day when the horses were still running at Hialeah Park, an attractive young lady approached him and asked if he would help her place her bets. Ruggieri was a bit chary since his selections for the week had been poor, but he took a chance. He picked some long shots and produced

seven winners. He took the young lady to dinner and shortly afterward she became Mrs. Ruggieri. "That was a lucky choice, too," he says.

"It took me four years to get an A.B.," says Lt. Jack Bolstrup, of FORT NIAGARA, N. Y., "then two more years to get an M.A. But when I went into the Army it took me only two days to get KP."

### Clever Ruse Works

WITH THE TRANSPORTATION CORPS IN FRANCE. — Unarmed when they came across three escaped German prisoners, five members of the 729th Railway Operating Battalion used a stone to simulate a hand grenade and induced the Nazis to surrender.

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# Roster of Divisions Overseas

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divisions are major generals, unless otherwise stated:

**Armored**  
2nd—Ernest N. Harmon.  
3rd—Maurice Rose.  
4th—Hugh Gaffney.

5th—  
6th—Robert W. Grow.  
7th—Robert W. Hasbrouck.  
9th—John W. Leonard.  
10th—Willard H. Morris, Jr.  
11th—Brig. Gen. Charles Kilburn.  
12th—Roderick Allen.  
14th—Brig. Gen. Albert Cowper Smith.

**Airborne**  
17th—William M. Miley.  
82nd—James N. Gavin.  
101st—Maxwell D. Taylor.

**Infantry**  
1st—Brig. Gen. Clift R. Andrus.  
2nd—Walter M. Robinson.  
3rd—John W. O'Daniel.  
4th—Brig. Gen. Arnold W. Blakeley.  
5th—Leroy S. Irwin.  
8th—Donald A. Stroh.  
9th—Louis A. Craig.

18th—  
19th—  
26th—Willard S. Paul.  
28th—Norman D. Cota.  
29th—Charles Hunter Gerhardt.  
30th—Leland S. Hobbs.  
35th—Paul W. Baade.  
36th—John E. Dalquist.  
42nd—H. J. Collins.  
44th—Robert L. Spragins.  
45th—Robert T. Frederick.  
75th—Fay B. Pritchett.  
78th—Edwin C. Parker.  
79th—Ira T. Wyche.  
80th—Horace L. McBride.  
83rd—Robert C. Macon.  
84th—Alexander R. Bolling.  
87th—Brig. Gen. Frank C. Culin, Jr.  
90th—James A. Van Fleet.  
94th—Harry J. Malony.  
95th—Harry L. Twaddle.

## Red Cross

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legions of volunteer nurses and Gray Ladies who serve on the homefront, and the endless demands of tragedy-stricken humans illustrate but a fraction of the needs of the agency for the voluntary contributions that are vital to its continued success.

Everywhere the world over—wherever American men fight—wherever tragedy strikes—wherever suffering can be alleviated, the Red Cross functions at the side of the stricken. Thus, this year the slogan for its \$200,000,000 drive will be "Keep Red Cross At His Side," and 130,000,000 Americans are expected to cheerfully provide the funds to accomplish just that purpose.

The drive gets underway officially on March 1 and will continue through the 31st. It will be sponsored by the people of America and endorsed by 11,000,000 members of the armed forces.



—Signal Corps Photo  
"THAT'S where they came in, and that's where they're going out," says Sgt. James Dyer, pointing to the map of Luzon, of the Japs who captured him when Bataan fell. Dyer, who escaped from a Jap prison camp on Luzon 13 months after his capture, and is now in Worthington General Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Ala., is naturally delighted at the release of his buddies by the advance of General MacArthur's troops.

99th—  
100th—Withers A. Burrell.  
102nd—Frank A. Keating.  
103rd—Anthony C. McAuliffe.  
104th—Terry De La Mesa Allen.  
106—Alan W. Jones.

Eighteen U. S. Army and four Marine Corps divisions have been identified as participating in the fighting against the Japs on the various Pacific Island fronts. The identified Army units, commanded by major generals unless otherwise stated, are:

**Airborne**  
11th—J. M. Swing.  
1st (dismounted)—Verne D. Mudge.

**Infantry**  
American—  
6th—E. D. Patrick.  
7th—A. V. Arnold.  
24th—F. A. Irving.  
25th—C. L. Mullins, Jr.  
27th—G. W. Griner, Jr.  
31st—  
32nd—W. H. Gill.

37th—R. S. Beightler.

38th—  
40th—Rapp Brush.  
41st—H. H. Fuller.  
43rd—L. F. Wing.  
77th—A. D. Bruce.  
81st—  
96th—J. L. Bradley.

**Lesser Units**  
3rd Amp. Brig.—Brig. Gen. W. Seavey.  
8th Reg. Com. Team—Brig. Gen. H. MacNider.

6th Rgr. Bn.—Lt. Col. H. Mucci.  
**Deployment of Armies**  
The War Department revealed the following deployment of its armies:

First Army—France.  
Second Army—Memphis, Tenn.  
Third Army—France.  
Fourth Army—Texas.  
Fifth Army—Italy.  
Sixth Army—Philippines.  
Seventh Army—France.  
Eighth Army—Philippines.  
Ninth Army—France.

## Mac Frees Philippines

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The capital. Russian troops have crossed the Oder southeast of Breslau and have established a bridgehead 12 miles deep in Silesia. Other bridgeheads are being established, and supplies being built up, for the final advance into Berlin, which may come at any time.

To the north other Russian forces have shoved to within 30 miles of the Baltic port of Stettin, and in Prussia they have penetrated the suburbs of Königsberg.

Refugee-crowded Berlin suffered a terrific blow from the air over the weekend when 1000 Fortresses of the 8th Air Force dropped 3000 tons of explosives and incendiaries on the stricken capital. The main attacks were on railway stations through which troops and supplies for the Western front must pass.

**Yanks Through Siegfried Line**  
On the Western front Allied armies are on the move at various points all along the Siegfried line. Patton's 3rd Army has pushed through the vaunted line defenses at a number of points in the Schnee-Elfer forest area to within three miles of Pruem.

The Yank 1st Army smashed through the Siegfried fortifications southeast of Aachen for a three-mile gain and are now within 30 miles of the Rhine. From their new positions, 11 miles inside the Reich, they threaten to outflank enemy positions on the Roer guarding the Cologne plain.

In the south French and Yanks have advanced four miles south of Colmar and threaten to trap large German forces now in a semi-pocket near the German border.

While Italy is flooded with rumors that the German forces are

being withdrawn, Marshal Kesselring's forces have continued their stubborn defense on all fronts. Bad weather has limited movement to patrol operations. Allied bombers have made feature attacks on Austrian oil plants.

## Oldsmobile Gets First Contingent of GIs on Leave

LANSING, Mich.—The Oldsmobile Division of General Motors now employs the first contingent of soldiers who have been granted furloughs from fighting units for urgent production jobs. The Division also has on its rolls 200 honorably discharged veterans.

The newly-arrived veterans wear work clothes when actually on the job in Oldsmobile plants, but at all other times are in uniform. They are subject to recall to active duty if the home front manpower situation improves sufficiently to make their continued employment no longer necessary.

## Work-or-Jail Bill Lags

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the need for authority to direct workers from non-essential into essential jobs.

**Misapplied Manpower**  
"The fact is there is no shortage of manpower in this nation," he told the senators. "There is misapplied manpower, while we have a war to fight and win."

The Undersecretary told the committee that voluntary co-operation is falling far short of doing a proper job and that attempts to use the coercive powers of governmental agencies has failed to provide even one-tenth of the need of war industries where shortages of help are current.

So far as can be learned, the only amendment being given serious consideration by the Senate committee would place authority for directing workers into essential jobs with the War Manpower Commission although leaving the actual draft of workers to the local Selective Service Boards.

**Provisions of Bill**  
Substantially the bill, as now written, provides:

Men from 18 to 45, veterans or otherwise, employed in essential industry or agriculture, will be frozen; may leave only with permission of their local Selective Service Board.

Men 18 to 45 may be directed to leave non-essential jobs and enter war work, as near their own communities as possible.

Compulsory features of the bill, backed by penalties of five years in jail or \$10,000 fines, do not come into operation until it has been certified that it has been impossible to fill war production needs in a



—Signal Corps Photo

AMERICAN airmen being evacuated from a friendly airfield in Yugoslavia keep their feet warm in Red Cross relief bags, having followed the custom of leaving their shoes behind in gratitude to the Yugoslavs who aided them in returning from crash landings behind the German lines. Front to rear: Sgt. Karl C. Smith, Springville, Utah; Sgt. Henry Gates, Ranier, Ore.; Lt. Charles W. George, Waterloo, Ia., and Sgt. Leroy M. Possel, Fort Wayne, Ind.

## Battle Losses Placed at 2 Millions in 1944

NEW YORK.—Battle deaths soared to 2,000,000 men in 1944, estimates the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

American dead, estimated at 145,000, were five times as great as in 1943 and the Western Front toll exceeded the total for the entire first World war.

More than 80 per cent were from the Army. Marine deaths amounted to half the Navy total.

A breakdown of the calculations revealed that the British Empire lost 125,000 killed; Russia, 550,000;

China, 50,000; France, 10,000 to 15,000, and other United Nations, "many thousands."

Axis losses were estimated at: Germany, 800,000; Japan, 350,000 to 400,000; satellites, 100,000.

The company made the Allied compilations on the basis of official reports with allowances for deaths among the wounded, missing and delayed reports.

The Axis report was based on a study of engagements, plus meager reports. The overall estimate showed a probable 1,250,000 enemy deaths and considerably less than 1,000,000 Allied deaths.

## Drivers Volunteer for Mercy Mission

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